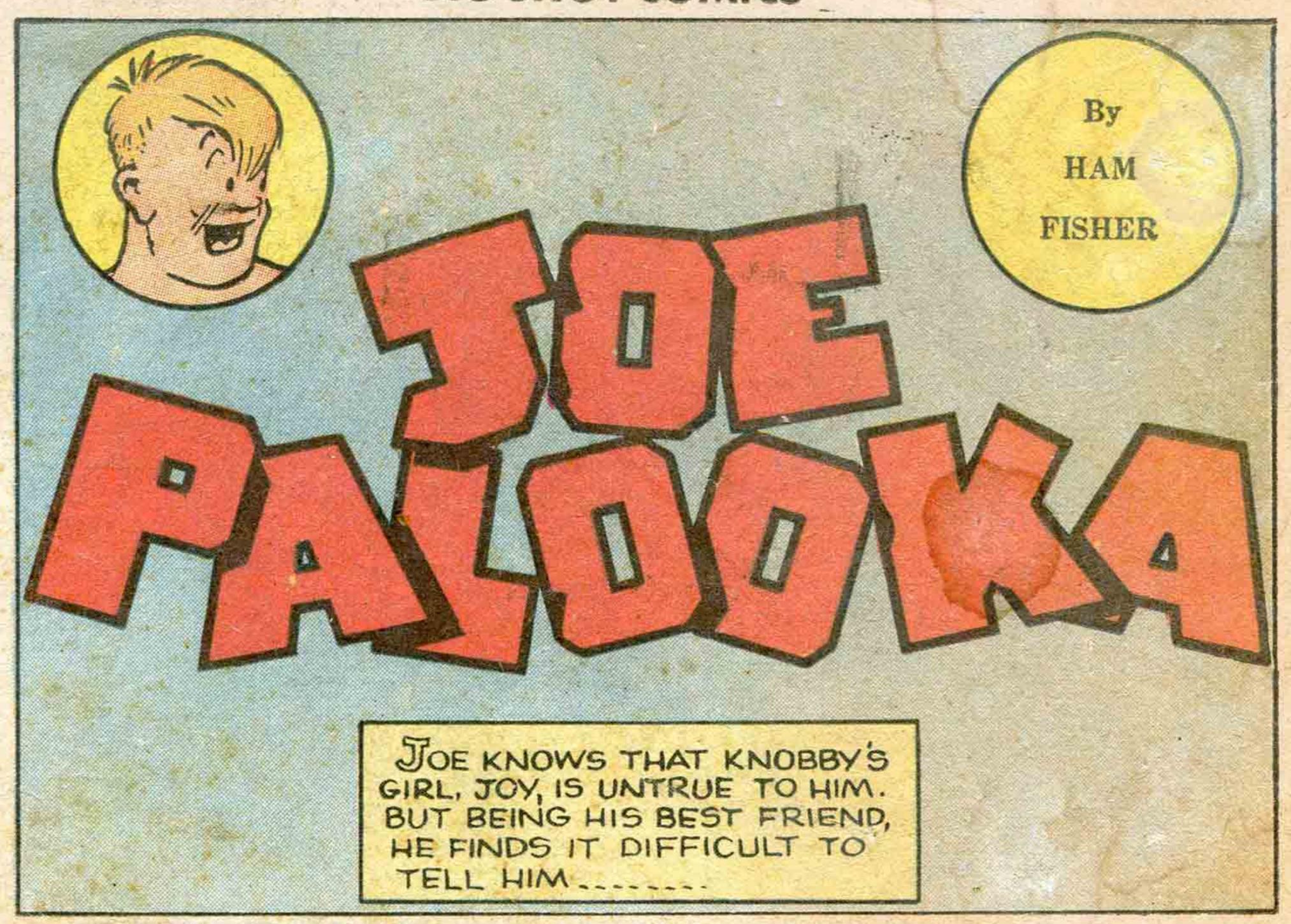
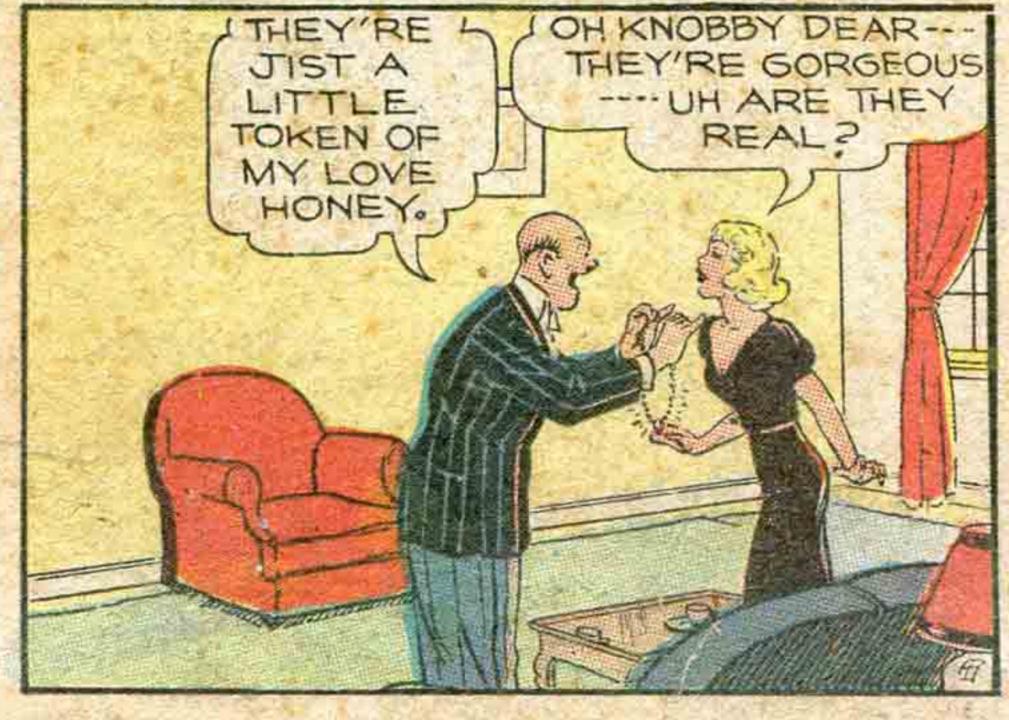


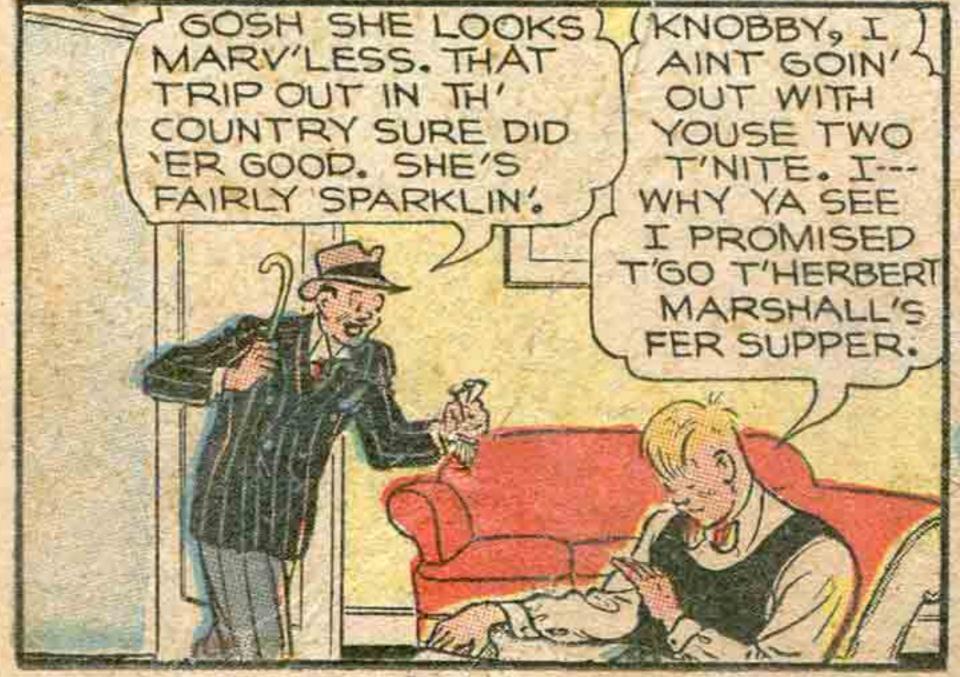
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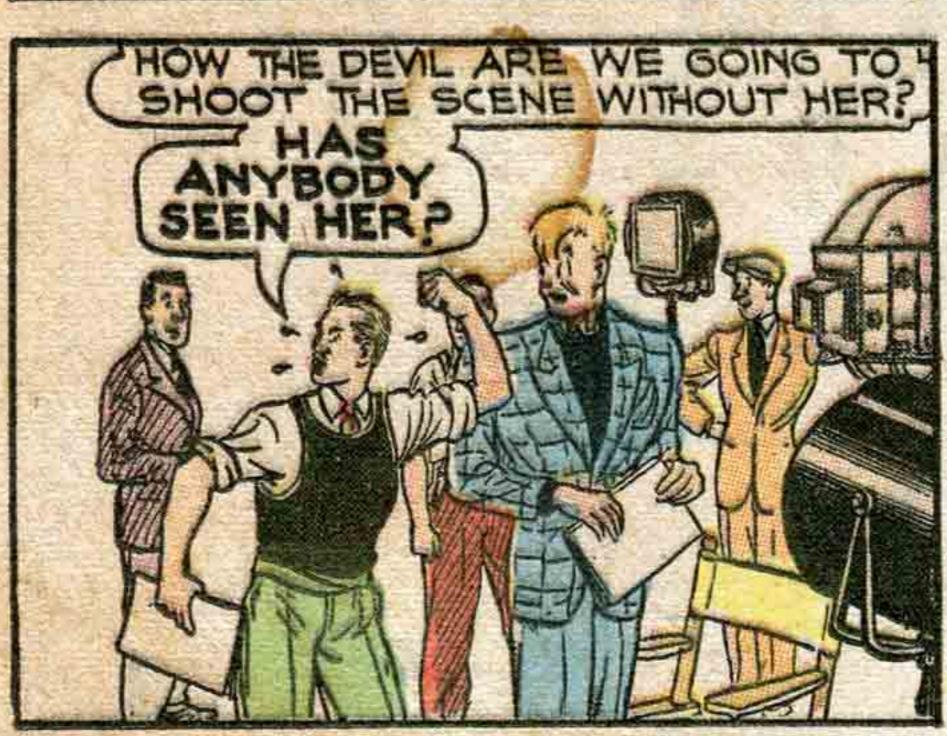
















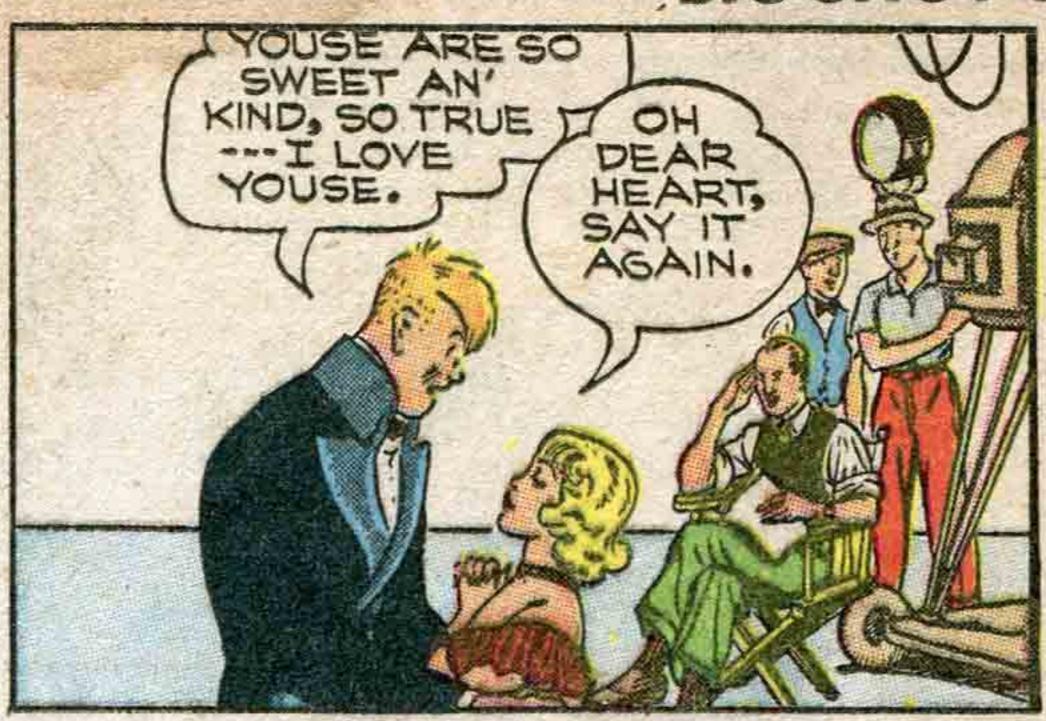


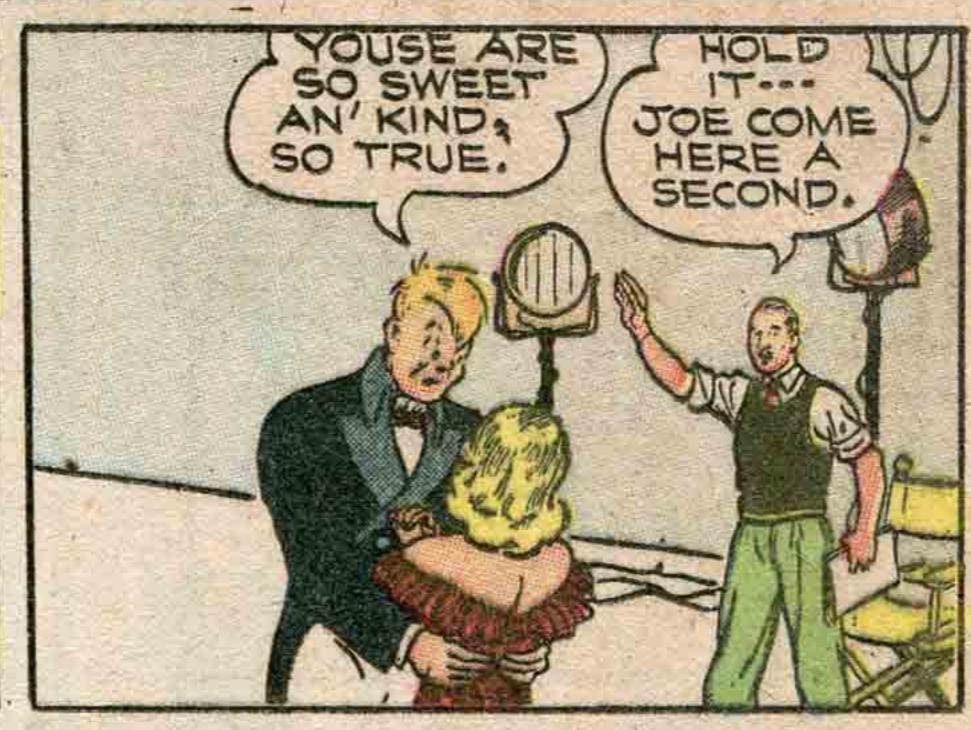








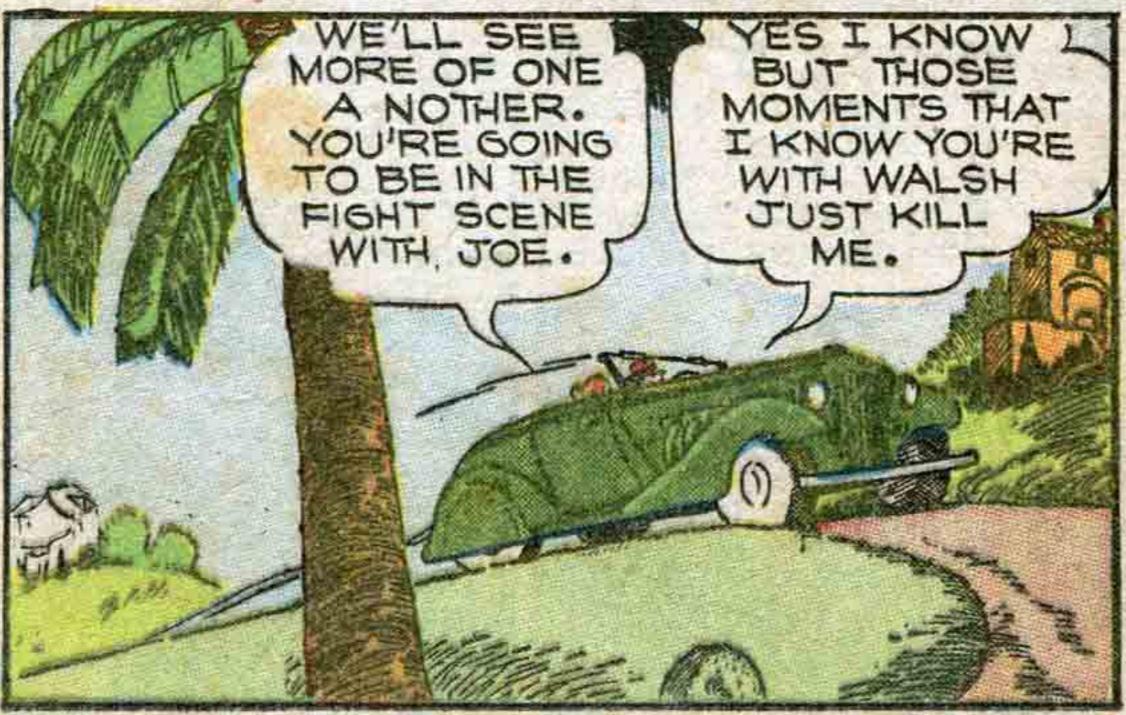


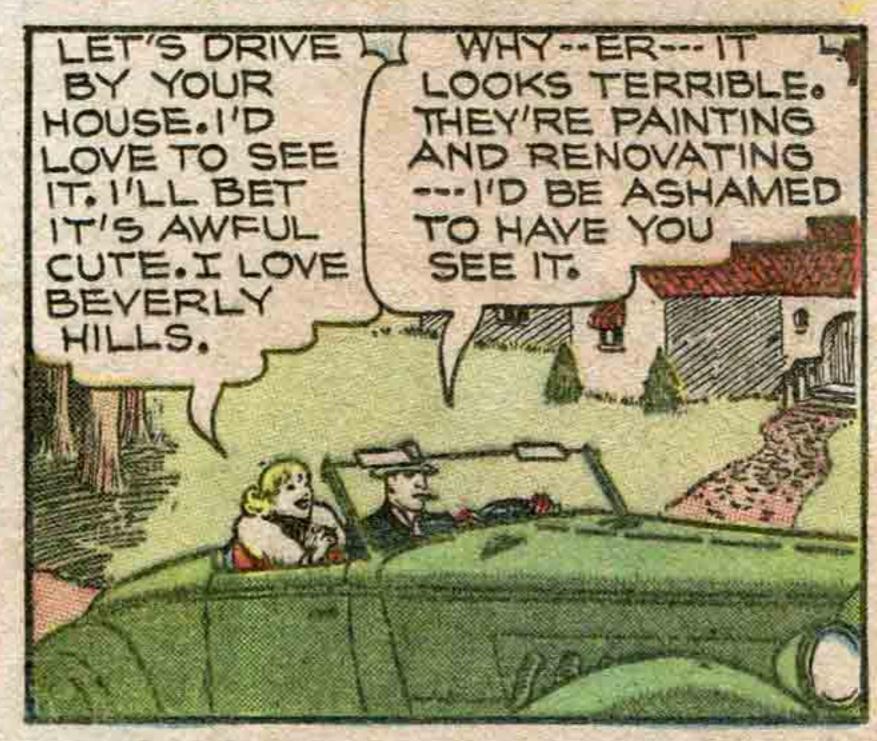






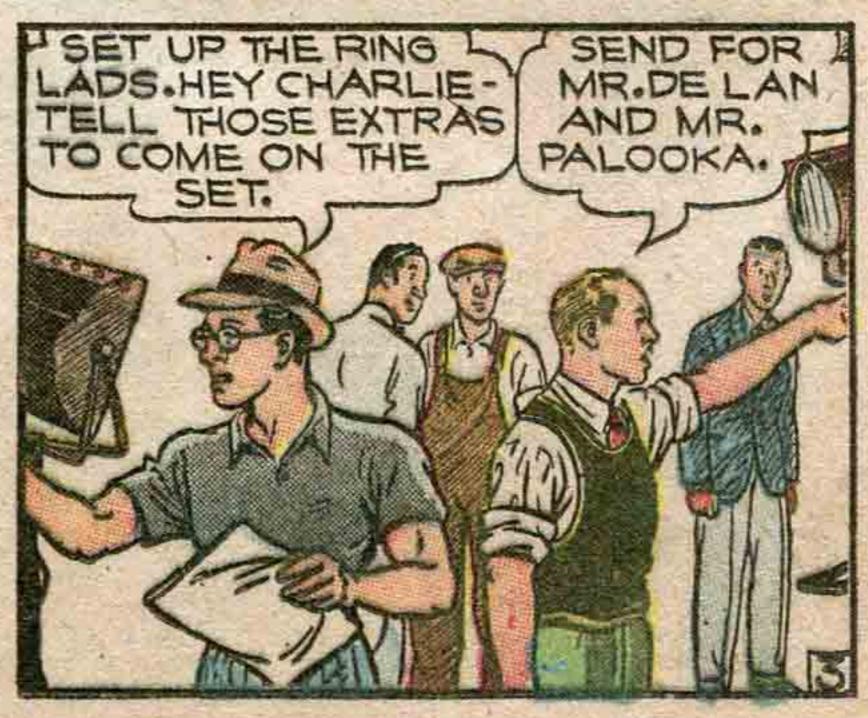










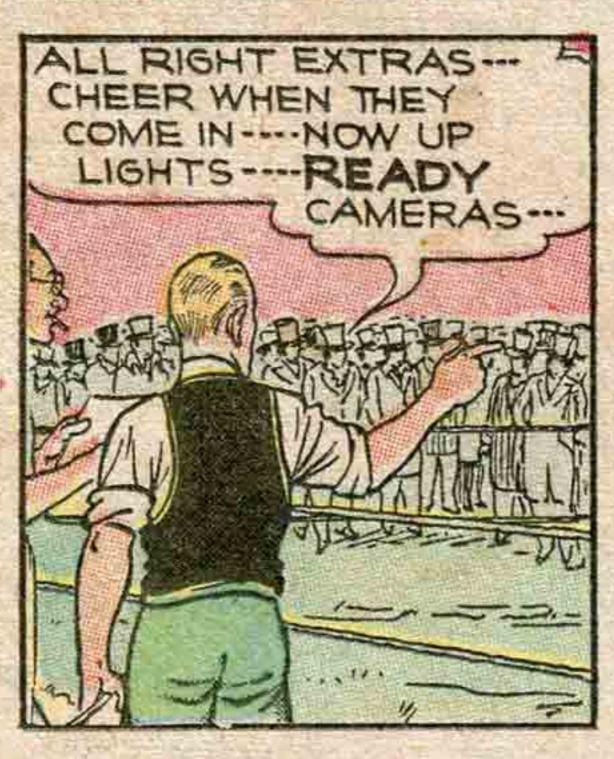


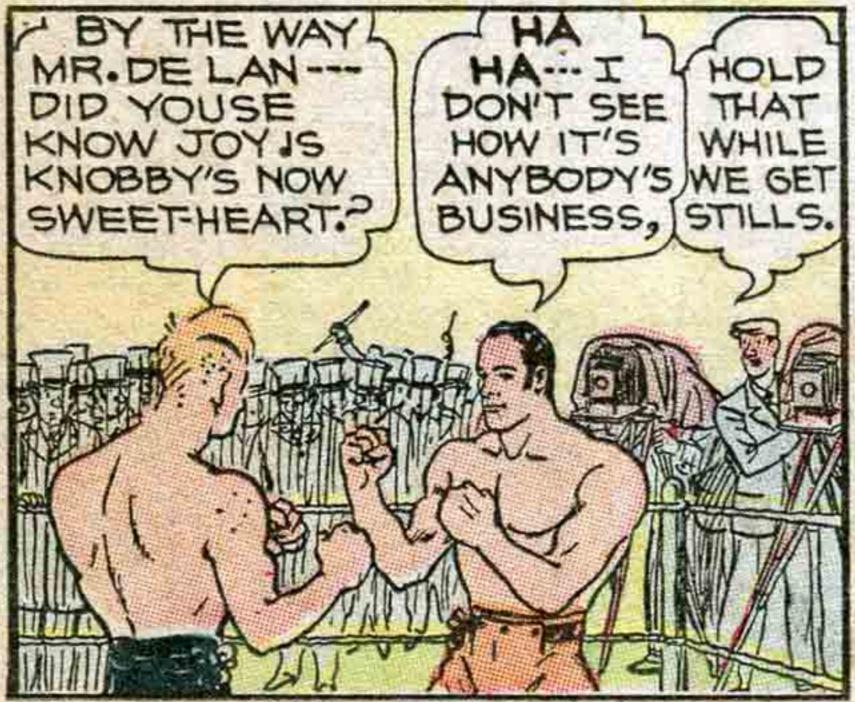




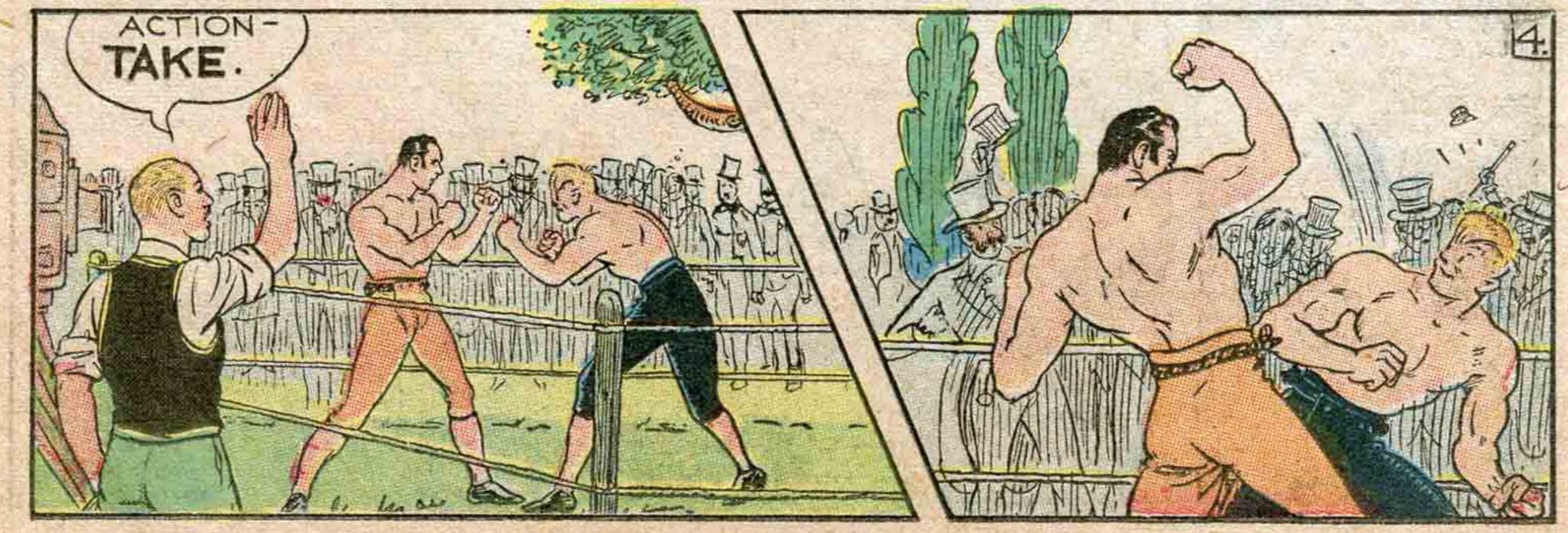


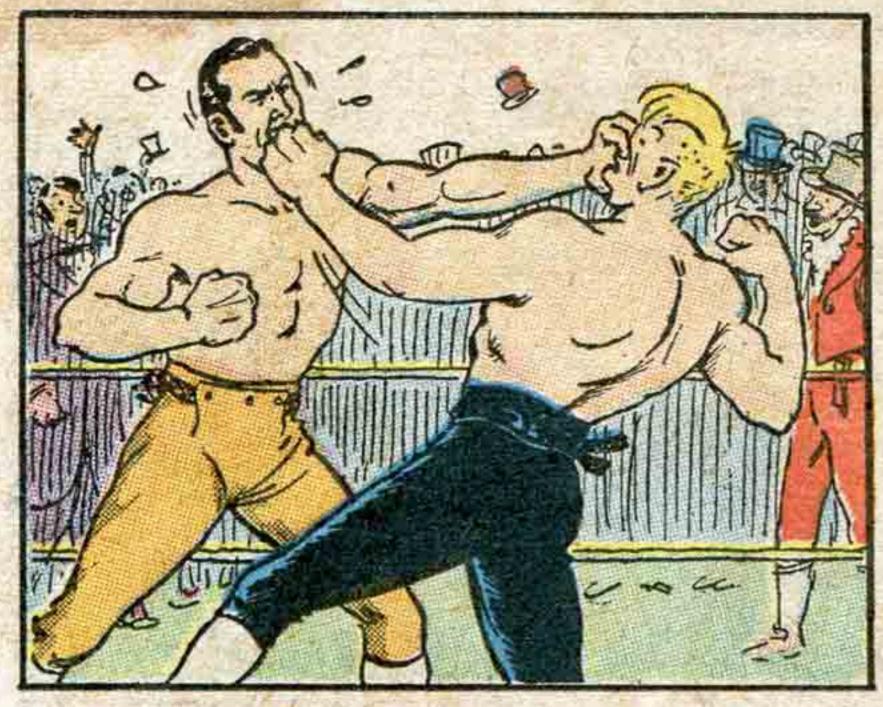




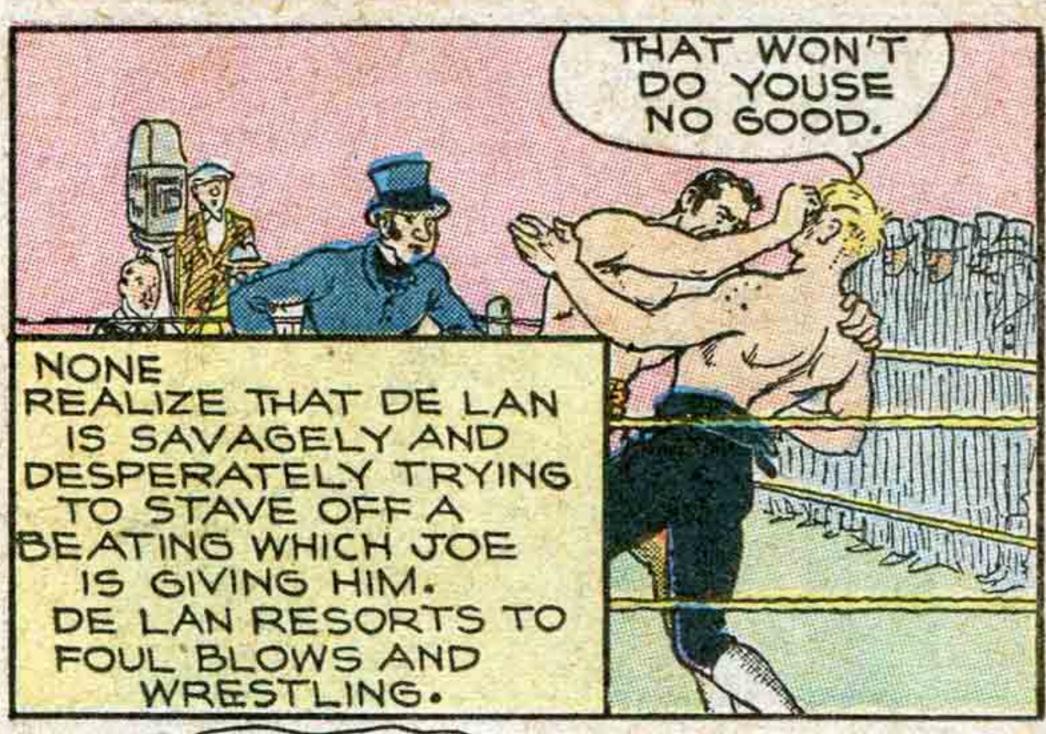




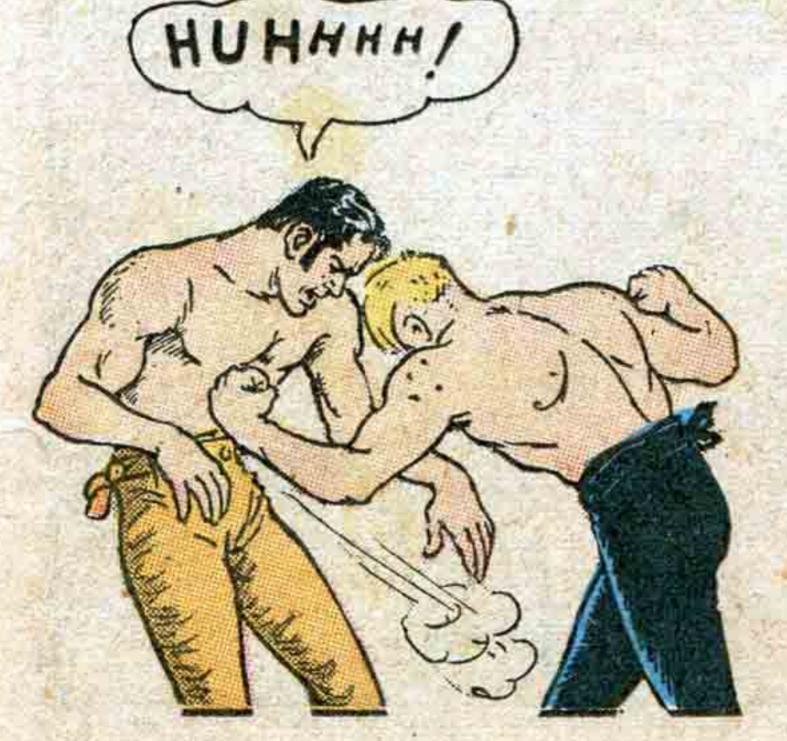




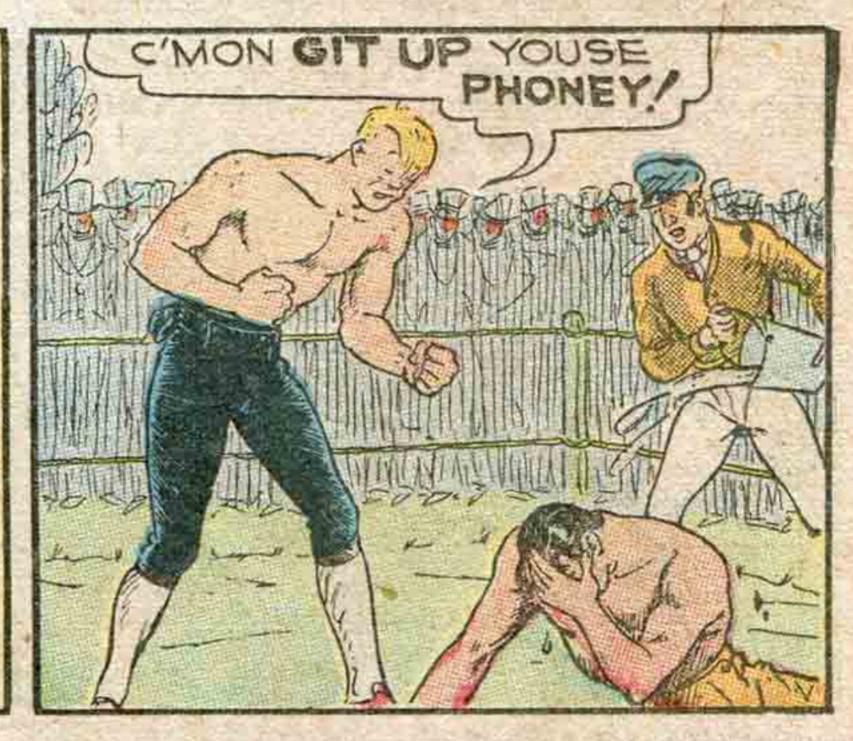








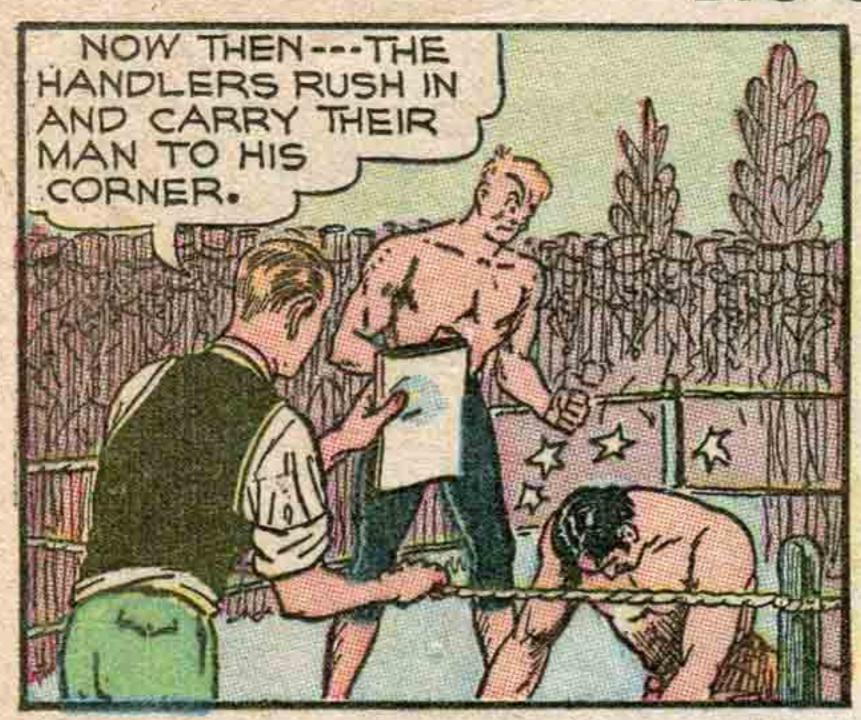
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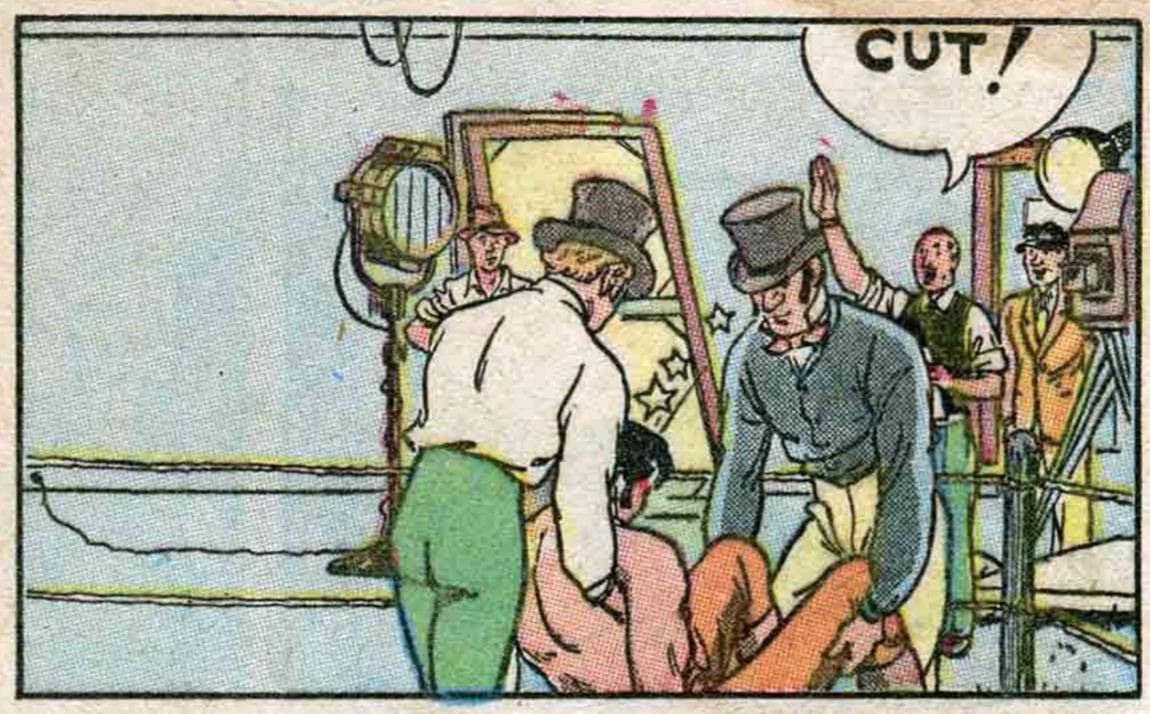








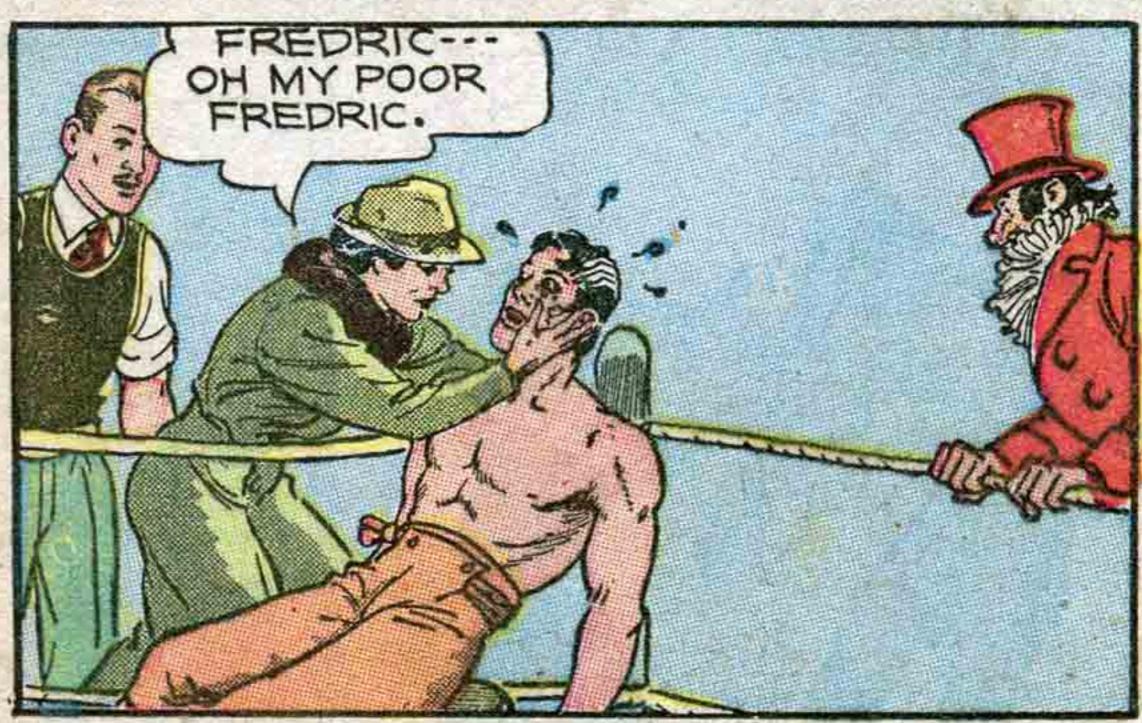








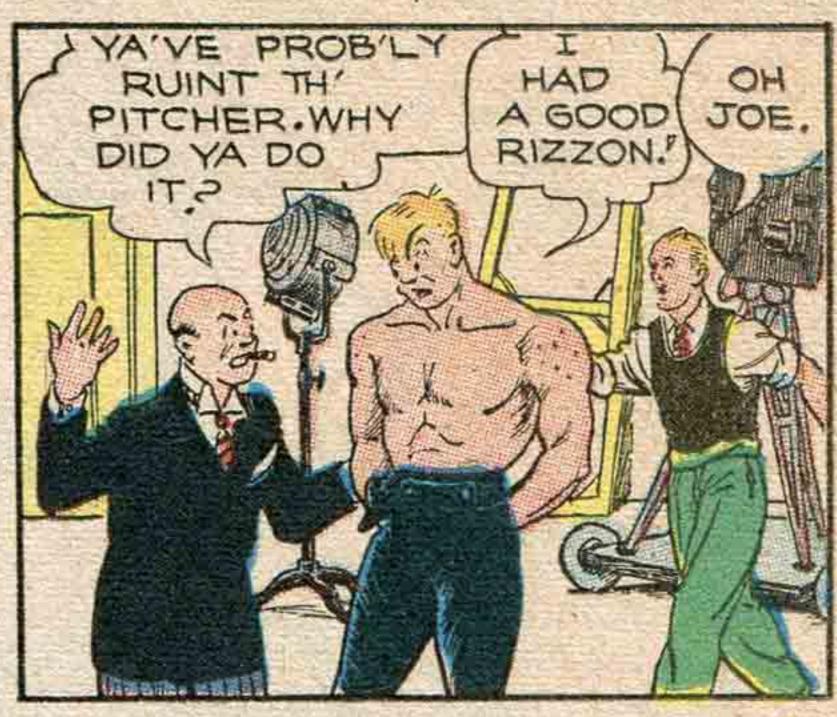


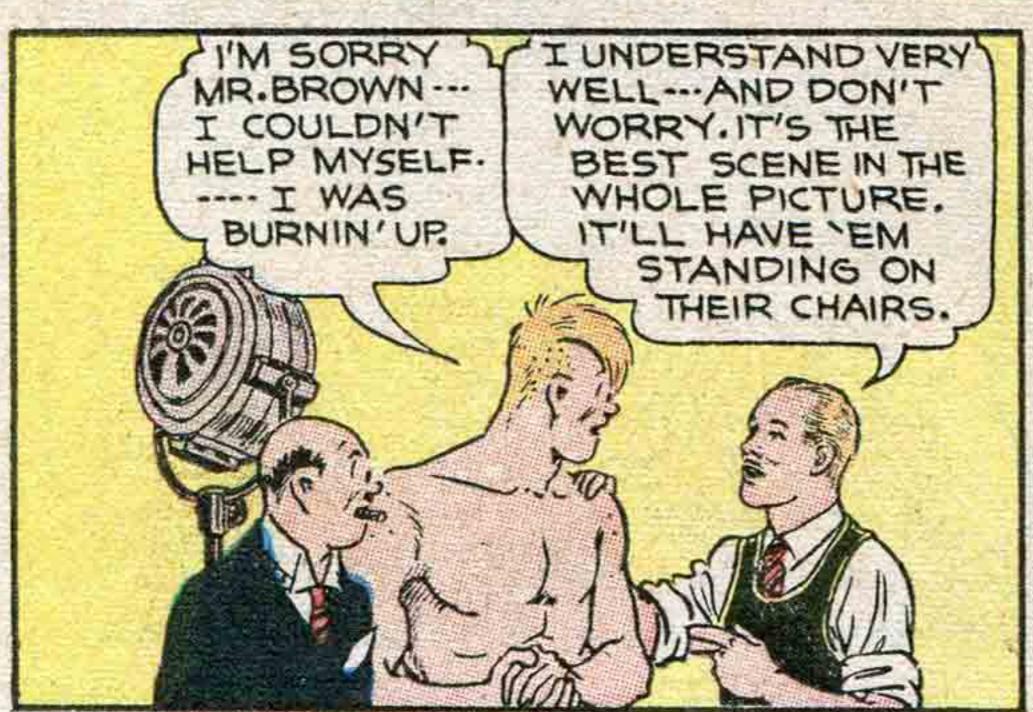


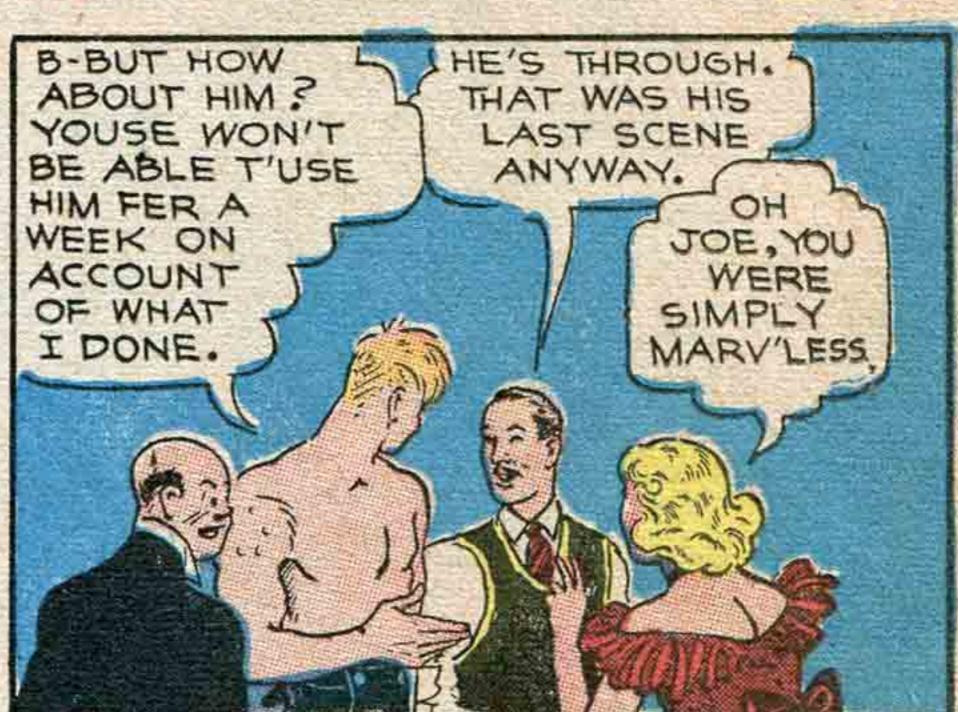


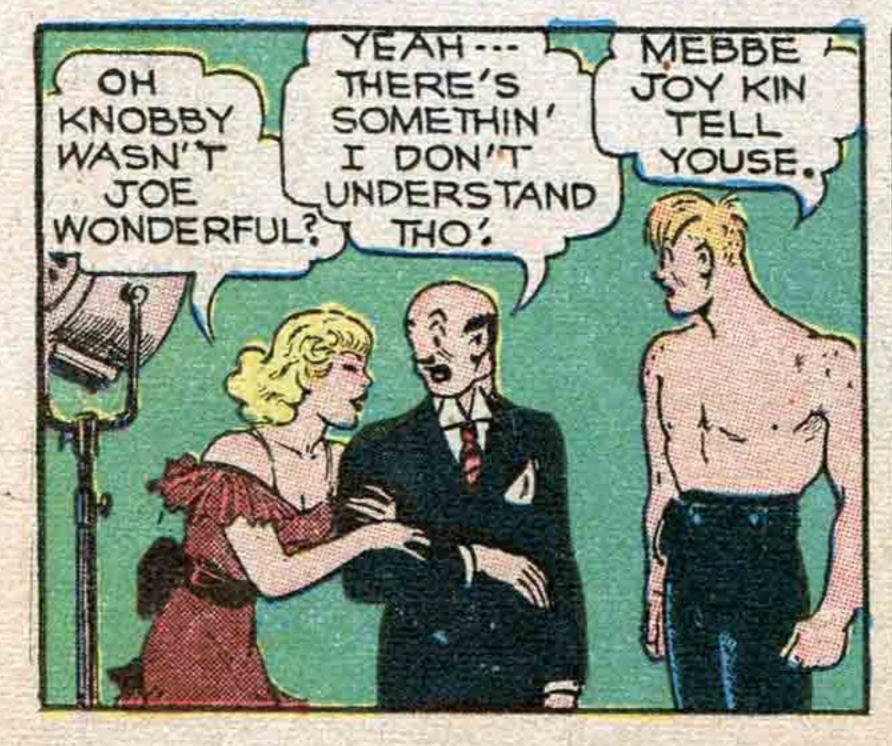


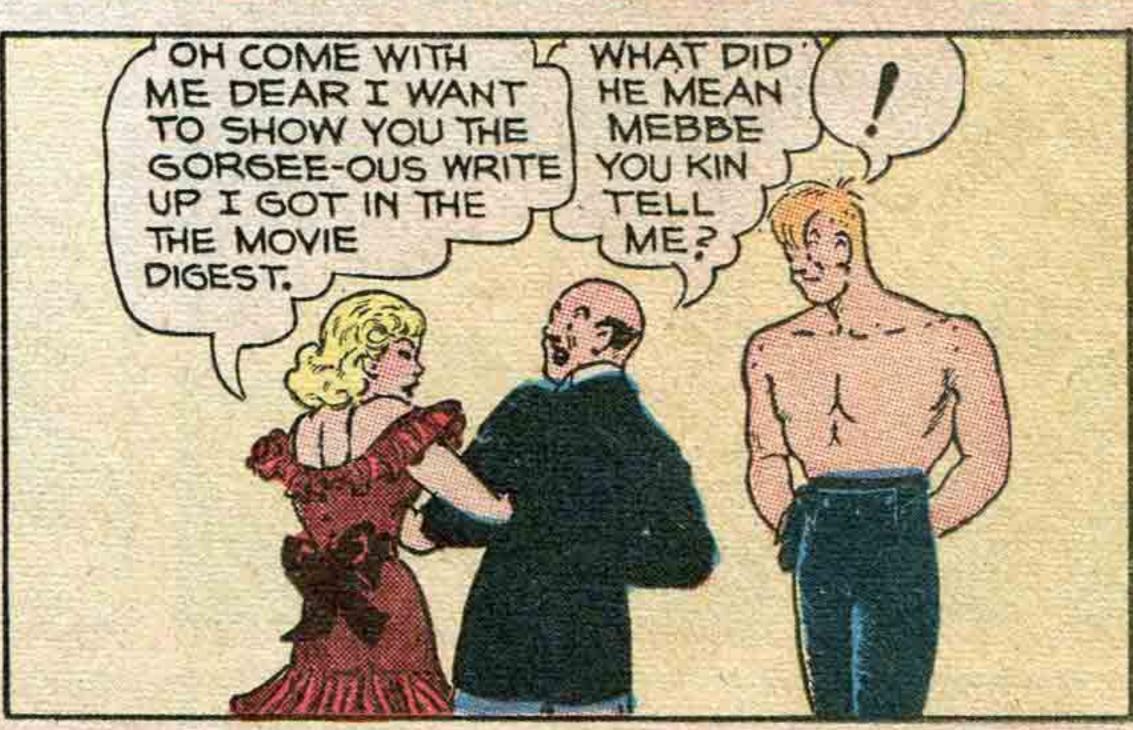




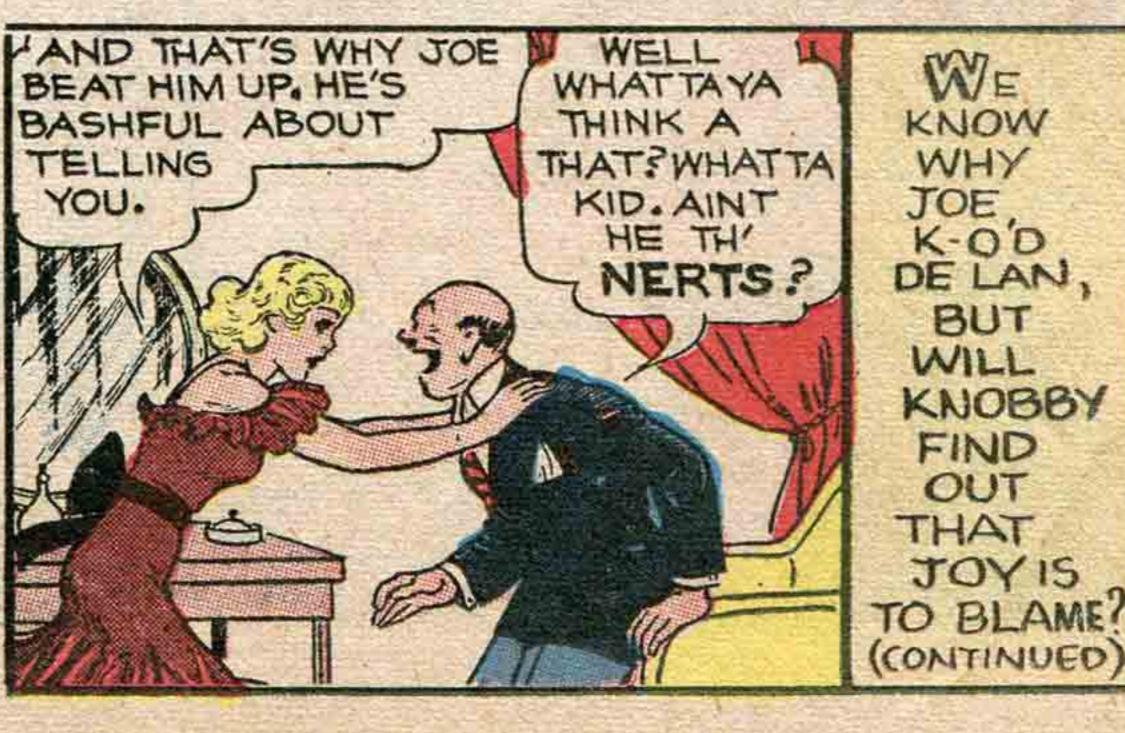


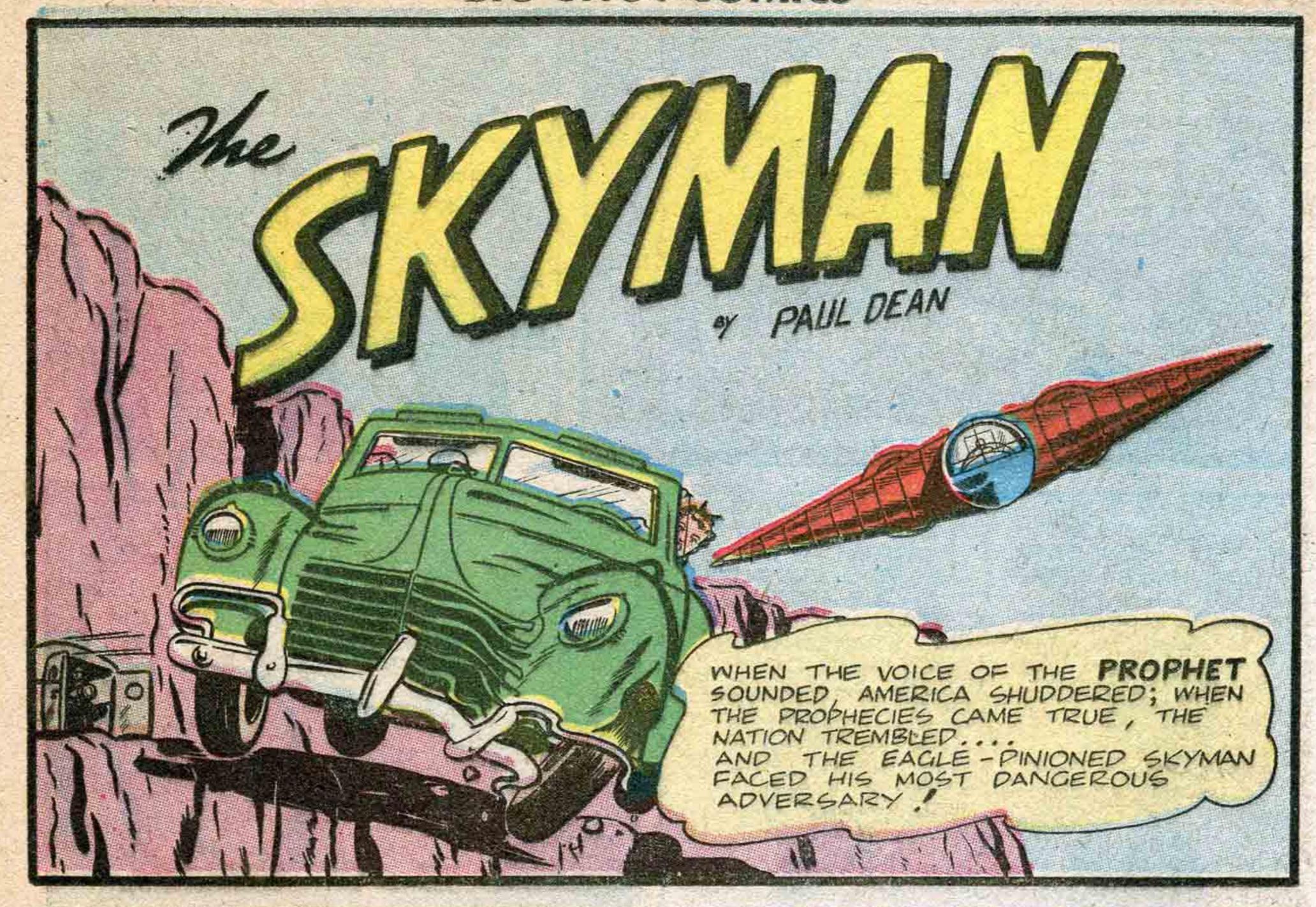


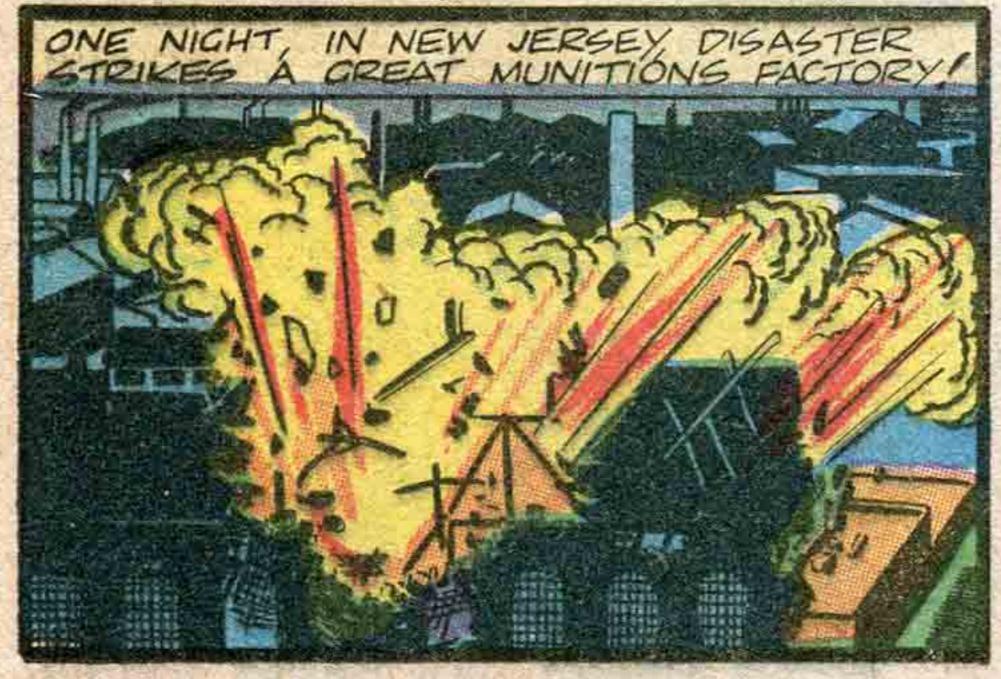


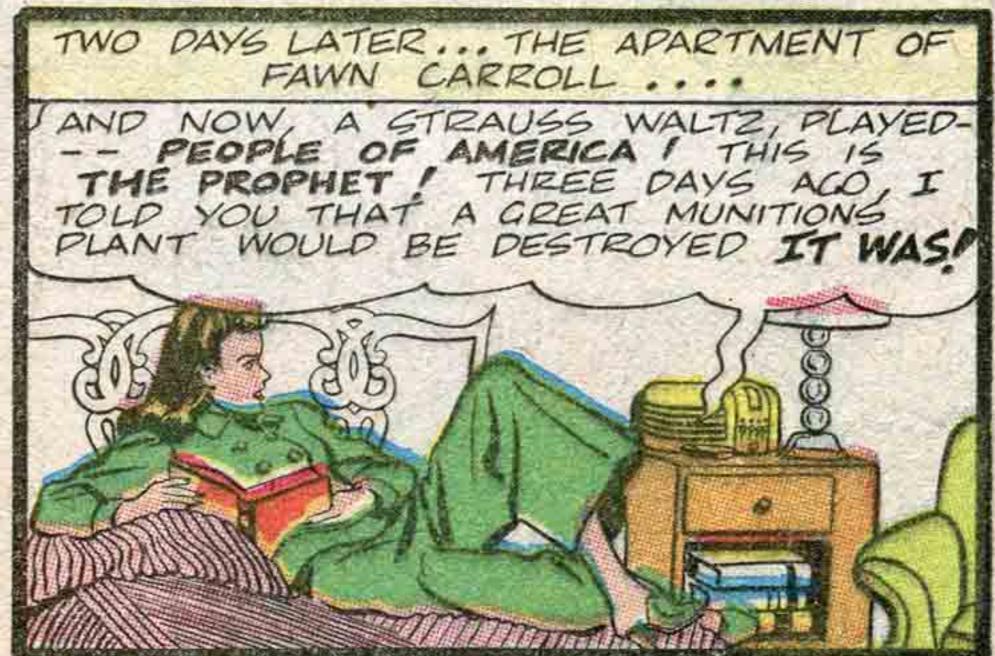










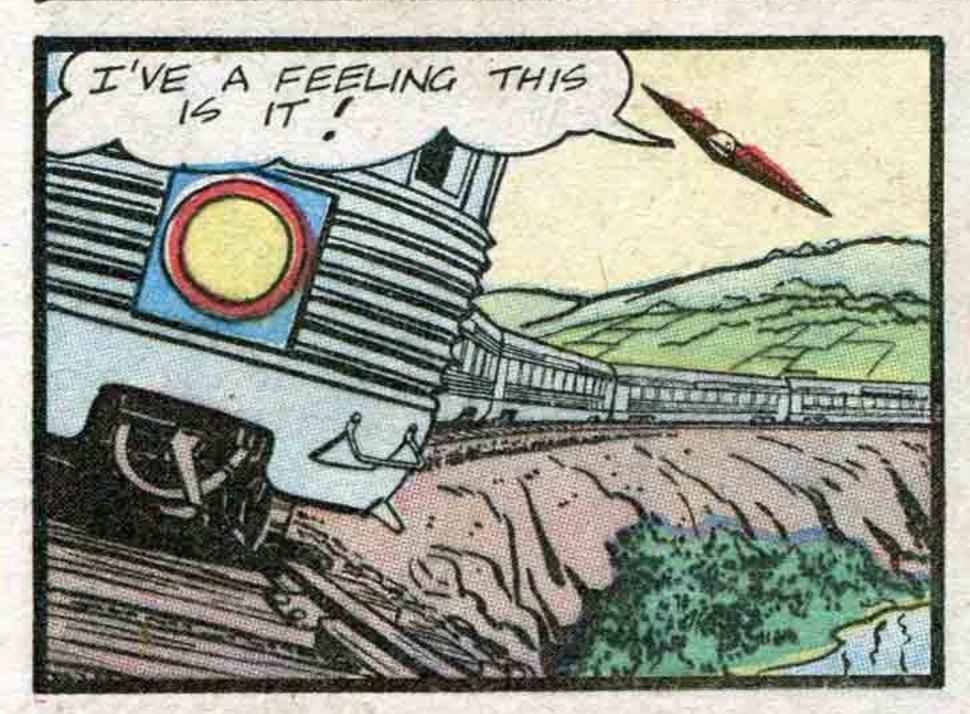




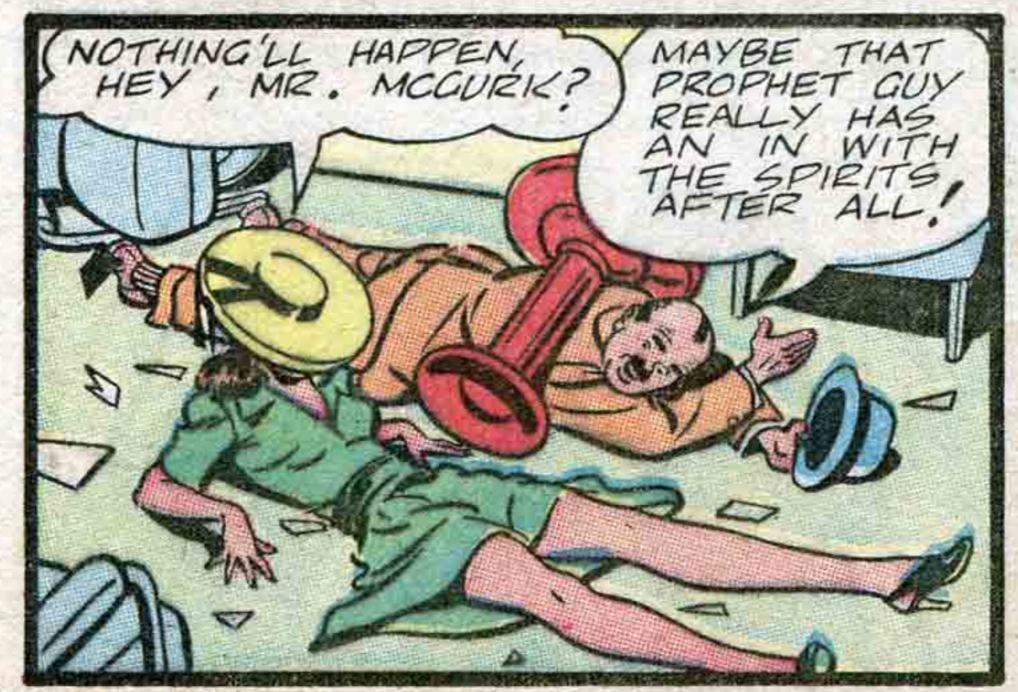




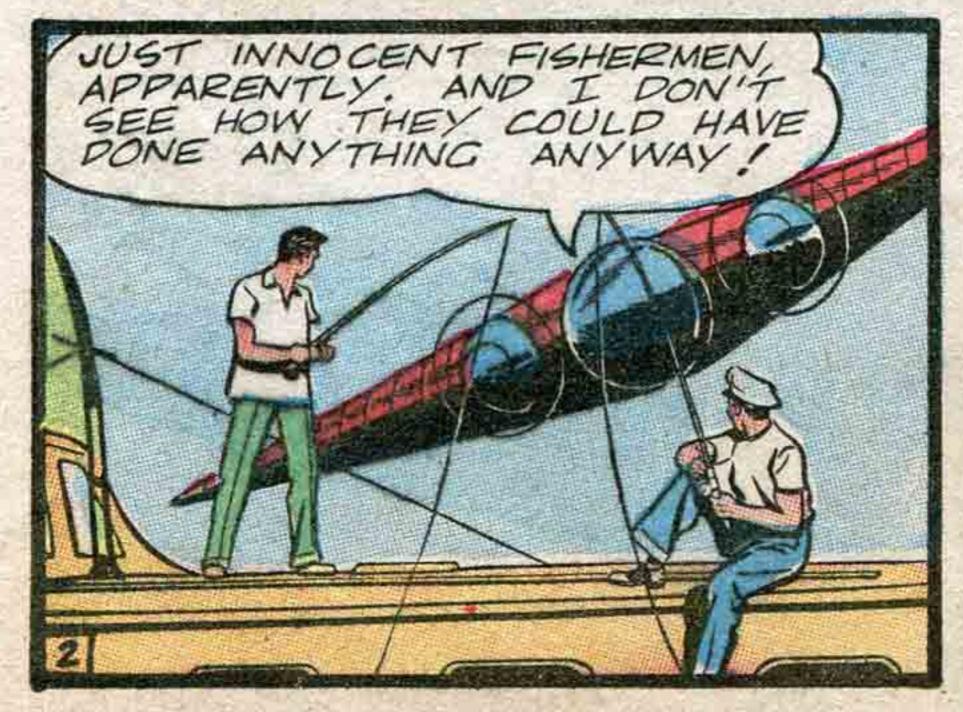


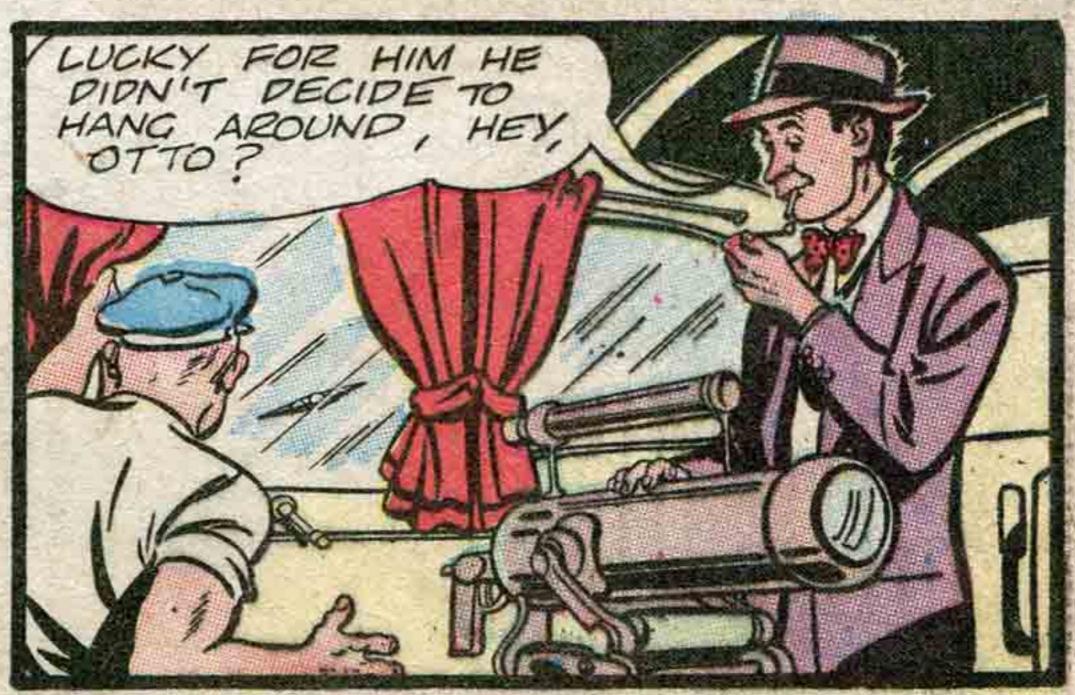










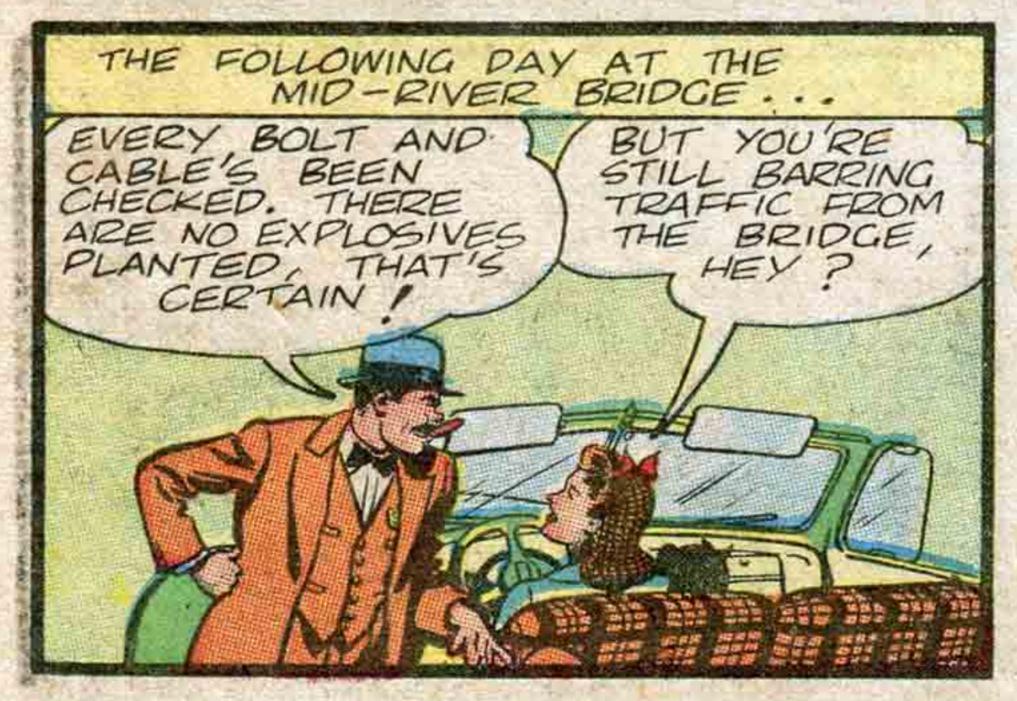




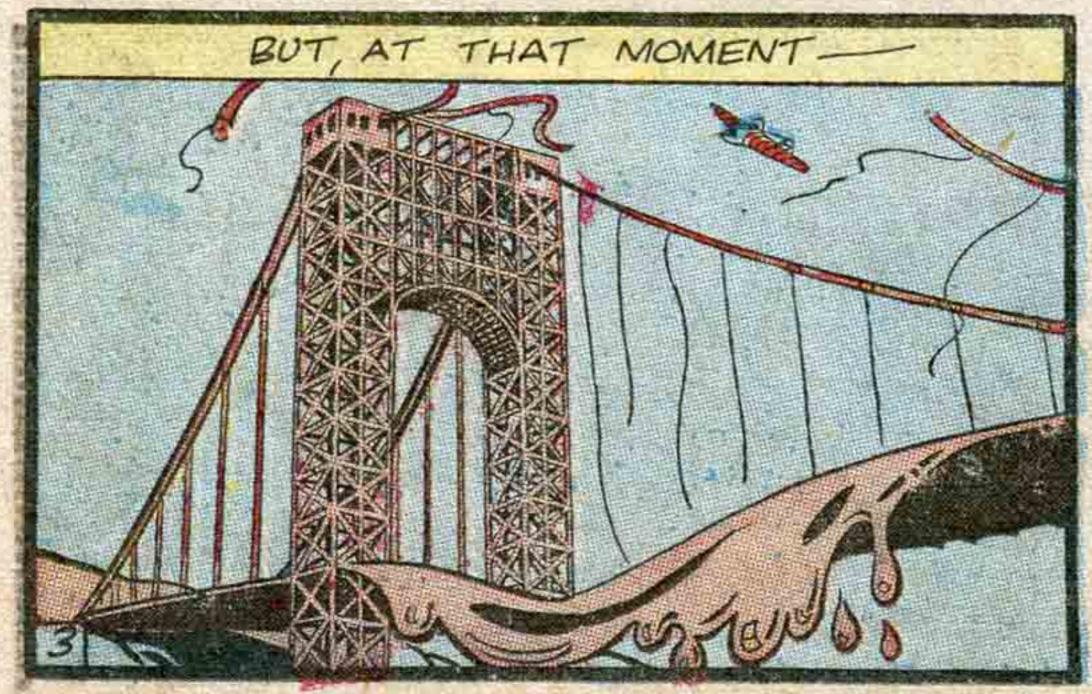






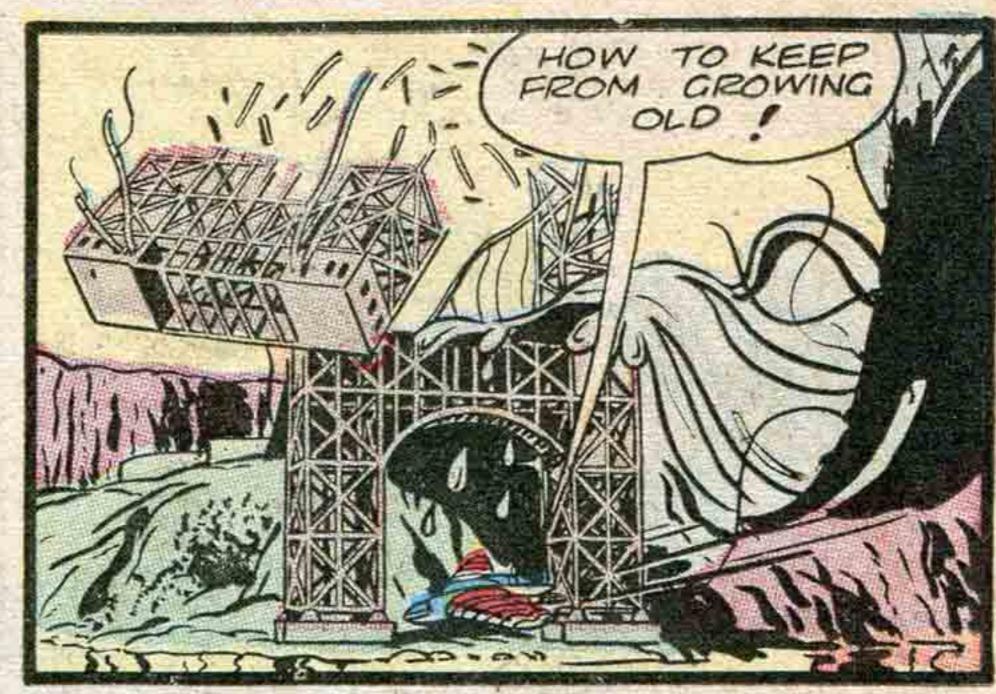




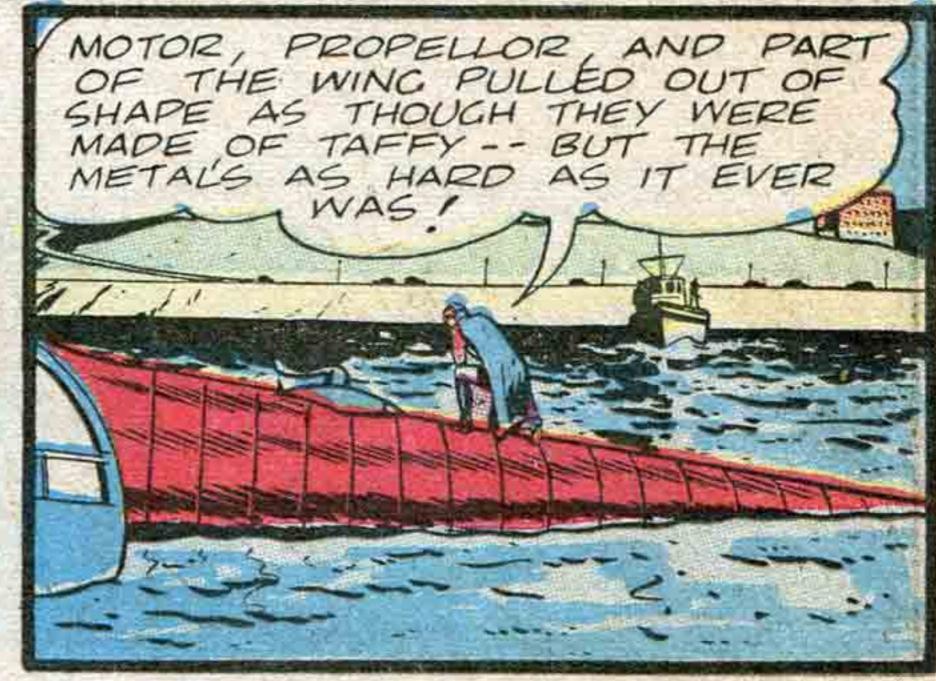


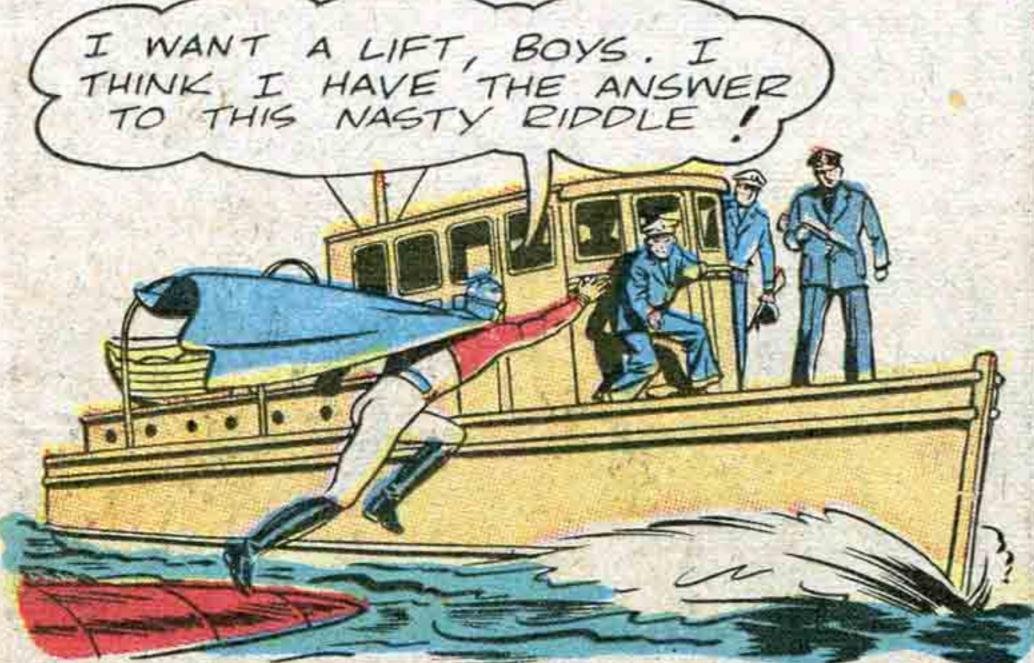




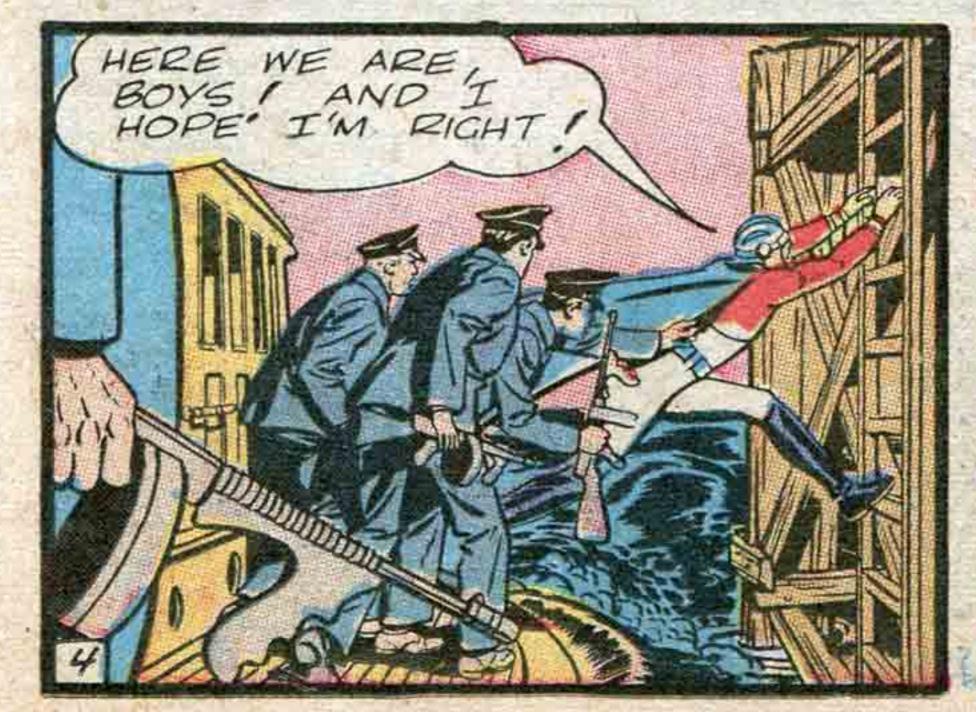


















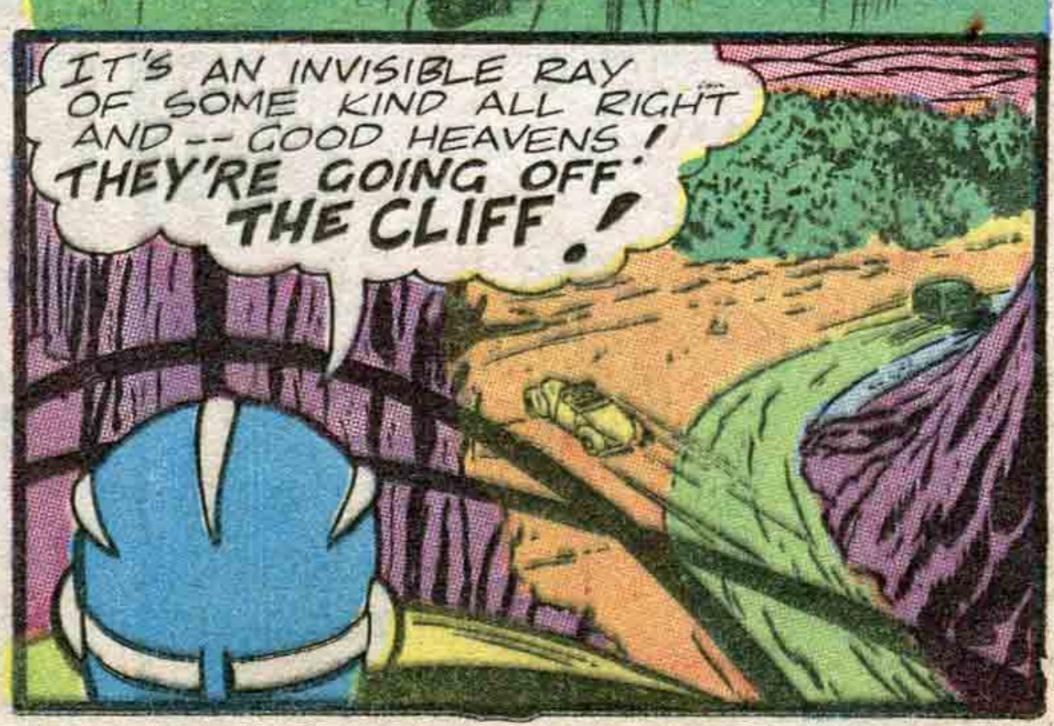


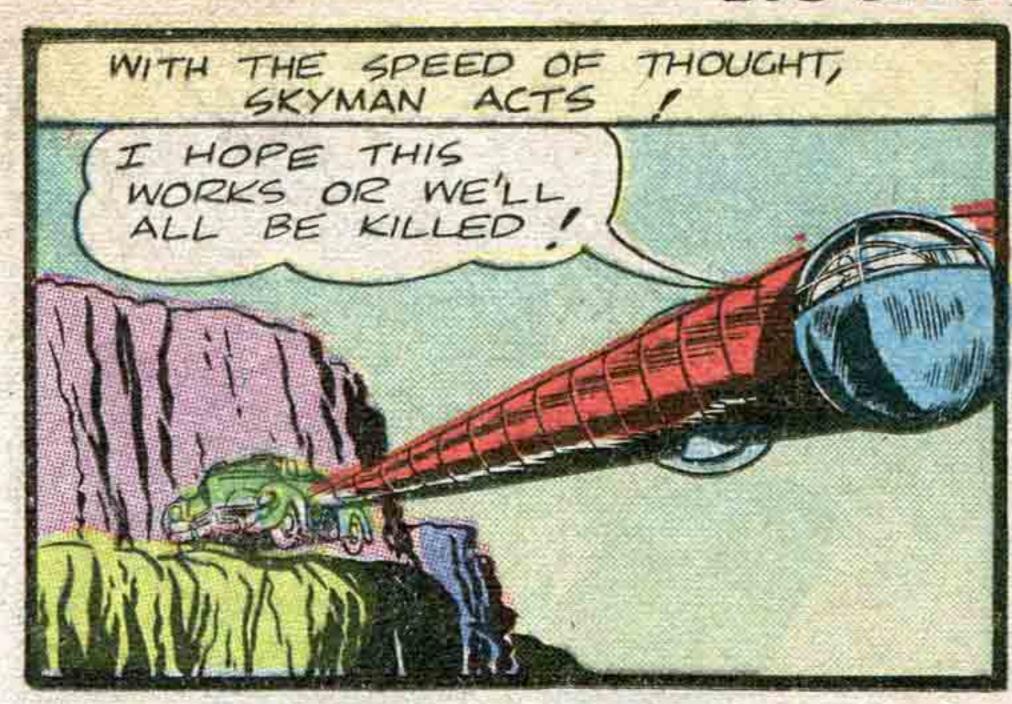


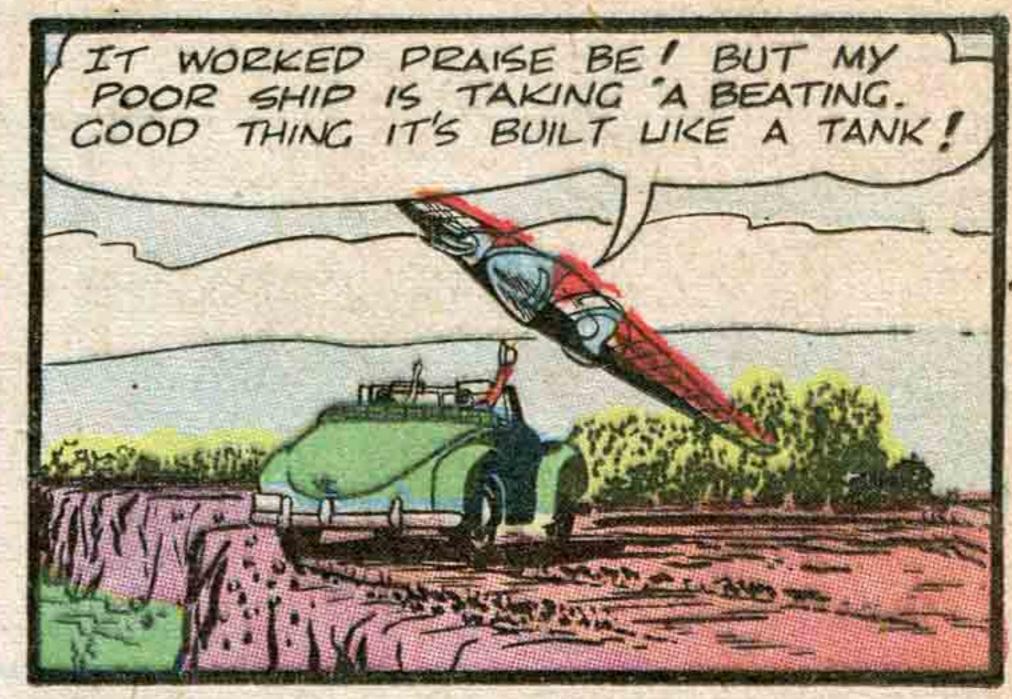
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THE BOAT-HOUSE TOO SEEN SKYMAN
LATE -- BUT WE'LL HEAD FOR THAT
CATCH THOSE BABIES BOAT-HOUSE, - WE'D
NOW!
NOW!
NEVER HAVE
KNOWN WHERE





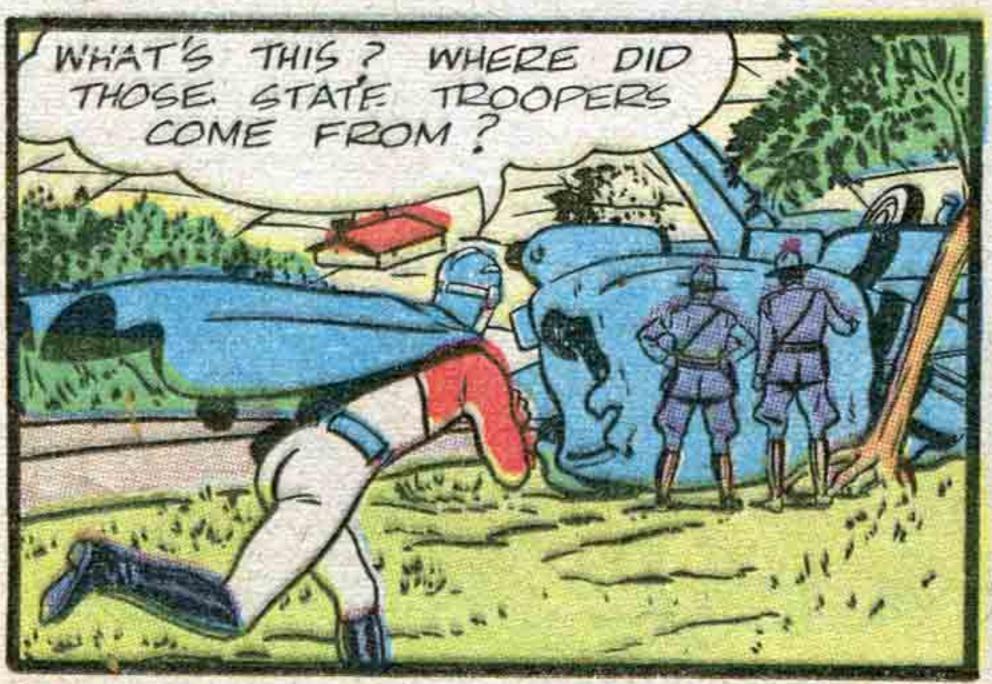




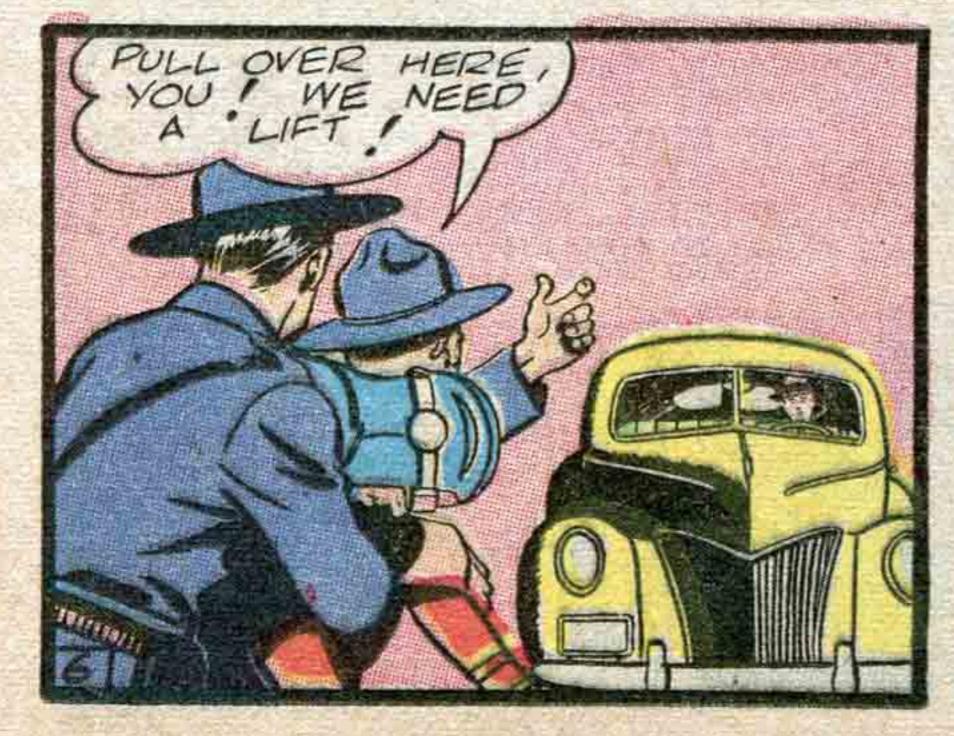






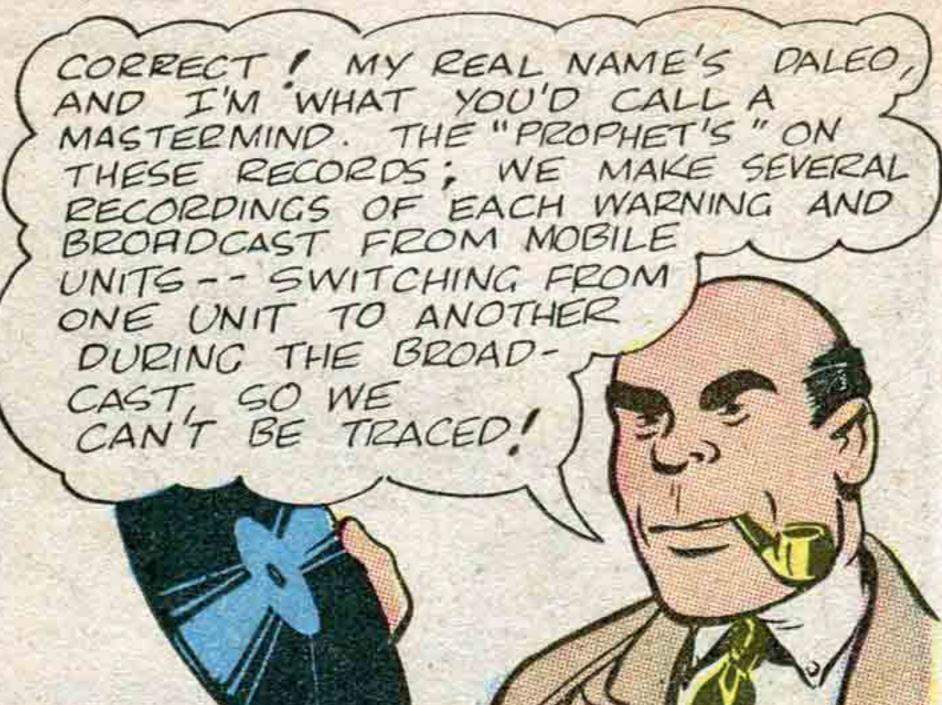












AND HOW DO YOU LIKE MY CYCLO-TRON-RAY, SKYMAN? IT CHANGES THE MOLECULAR STRUCTURE OF METAL, MAKING IT AS SOFT AS FUDGE -- AND WHEN THE RAY'S SHUT OFF THE METAL BECOMES AS HARD AS EVER!

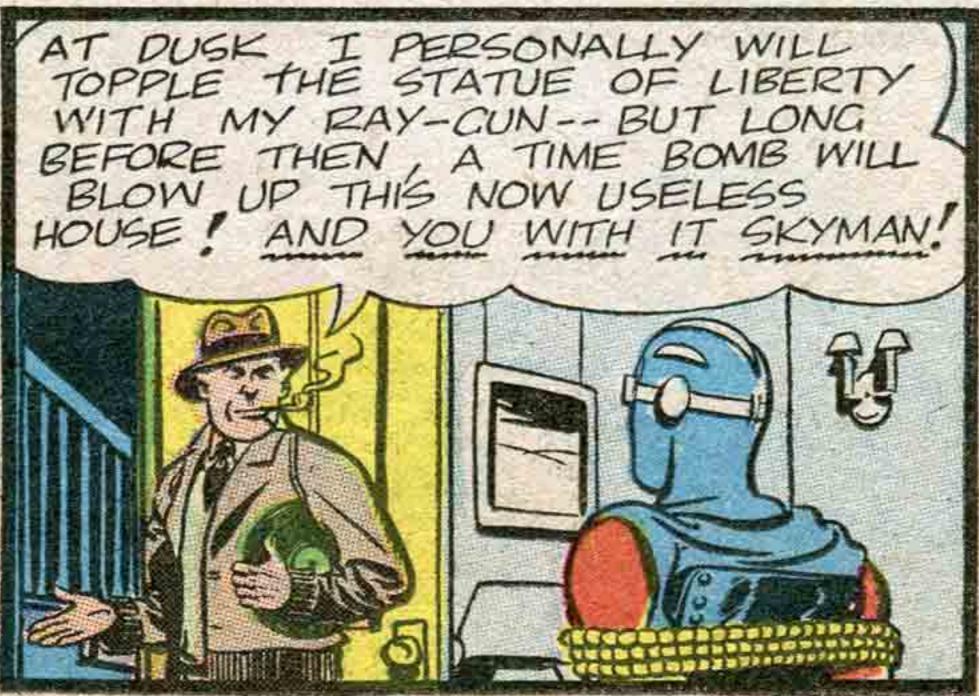


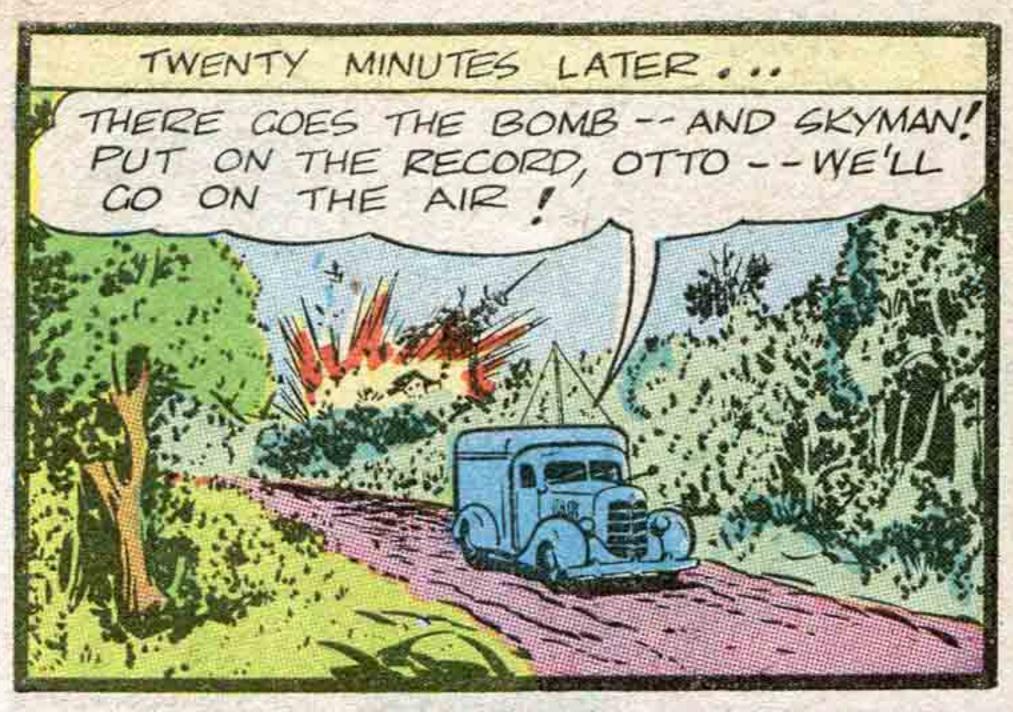




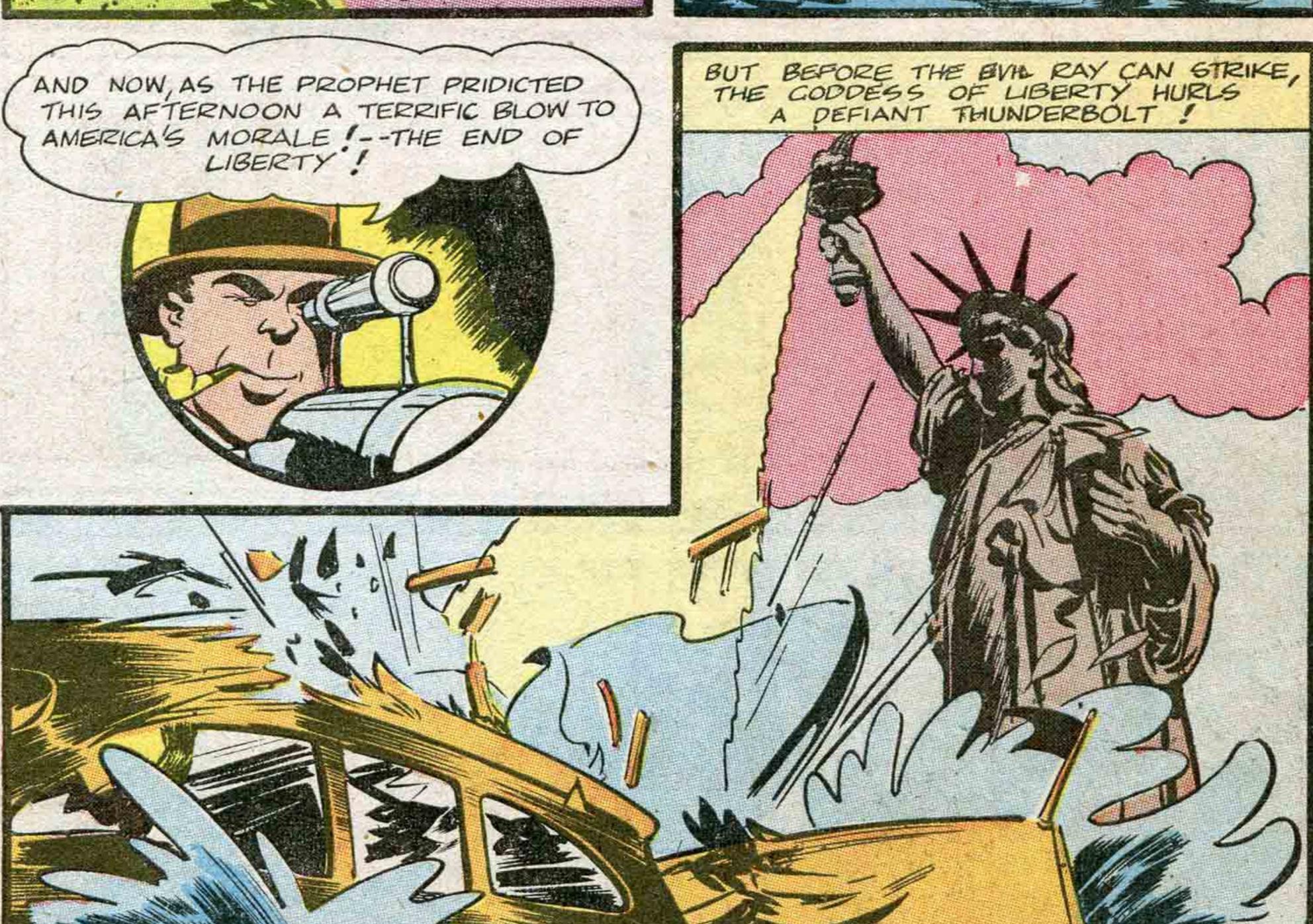


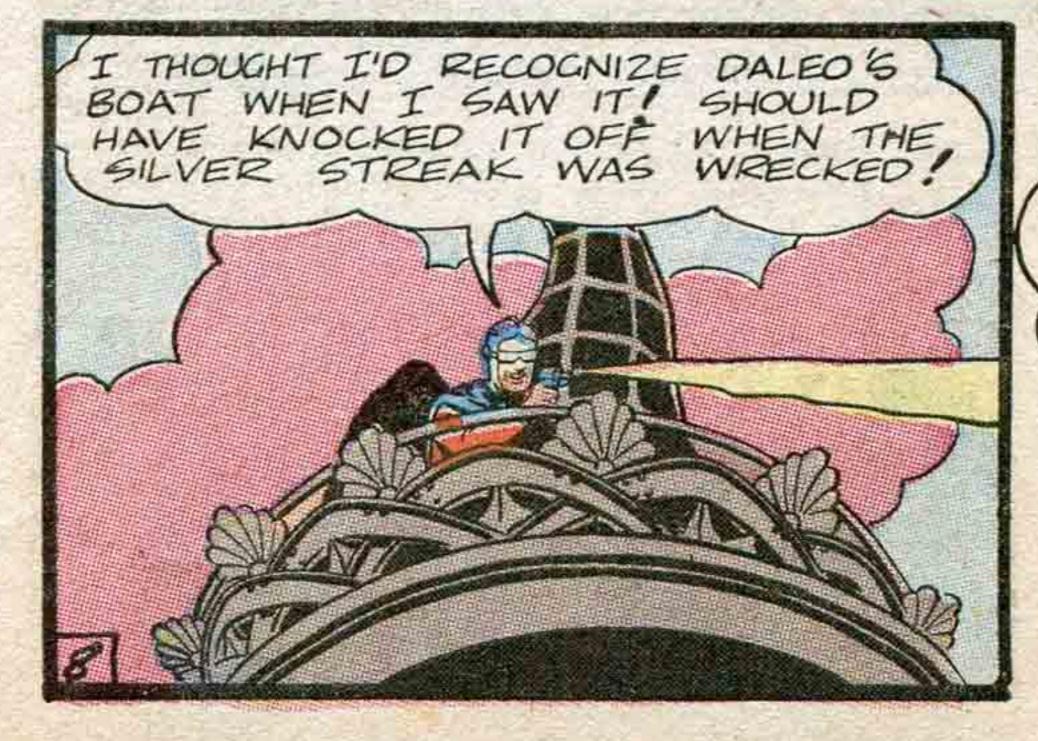






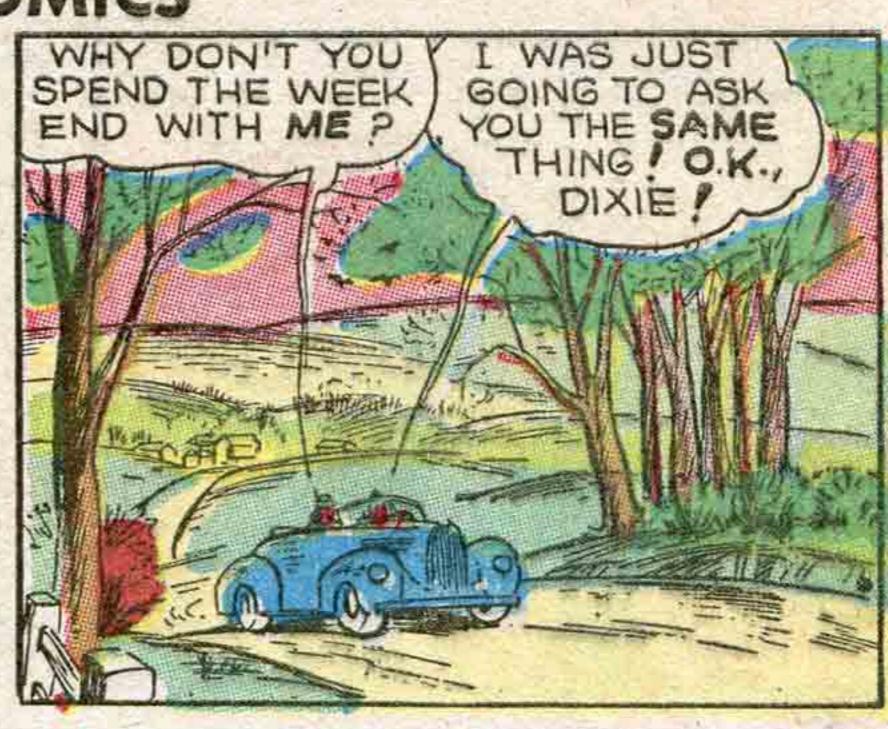




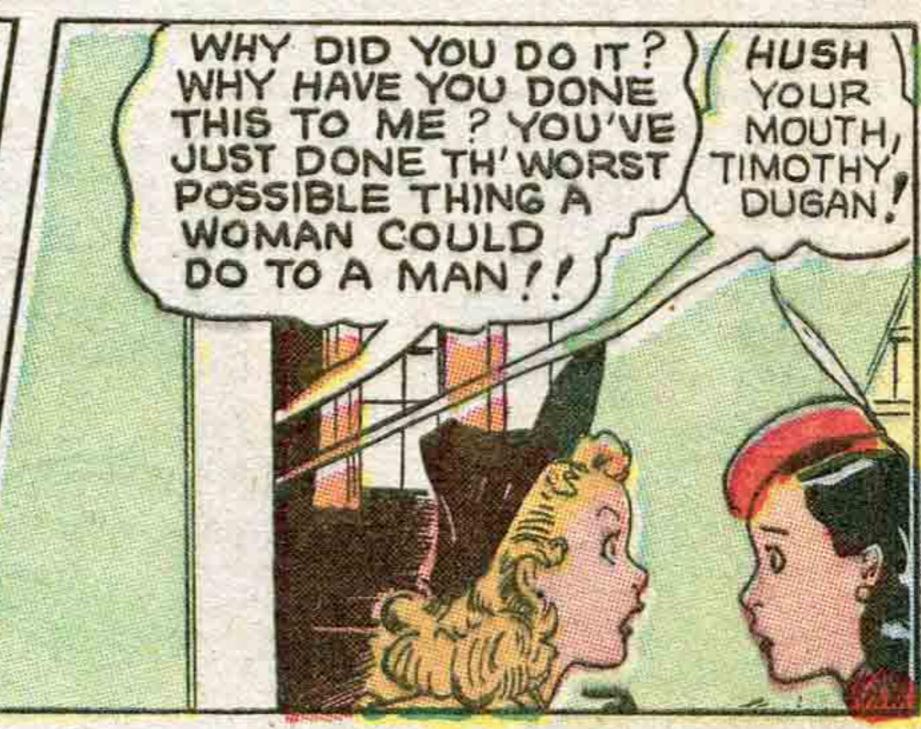




















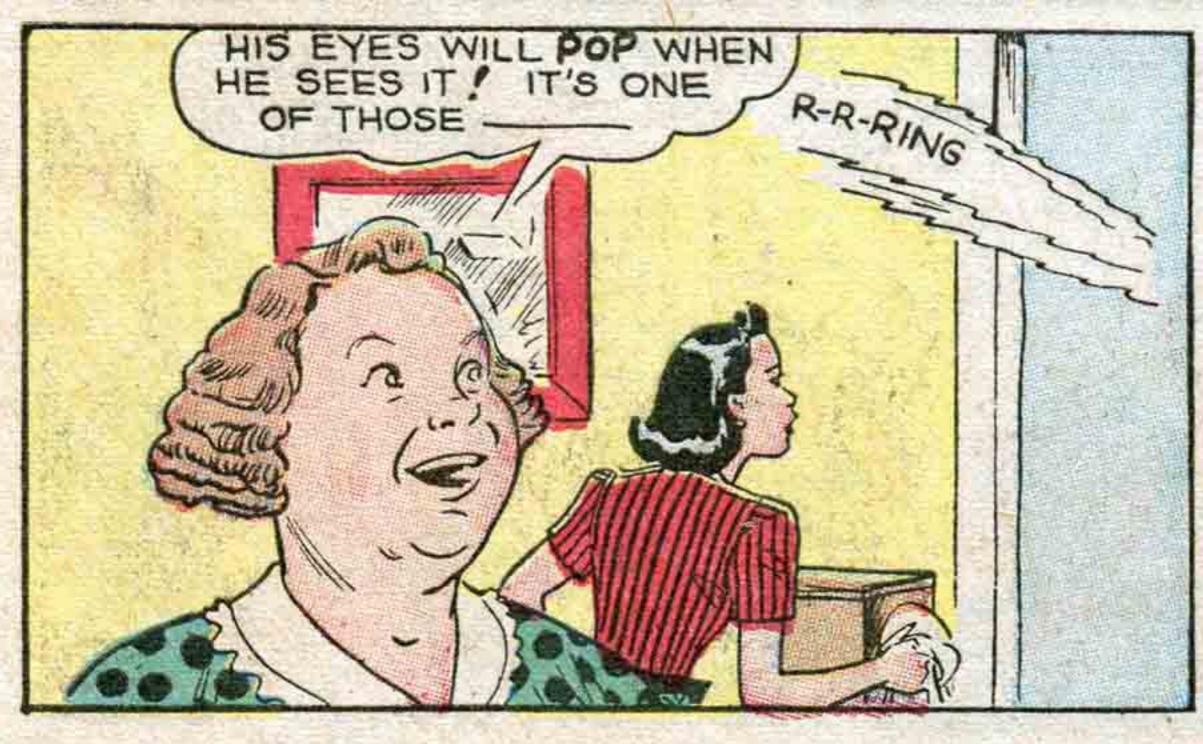








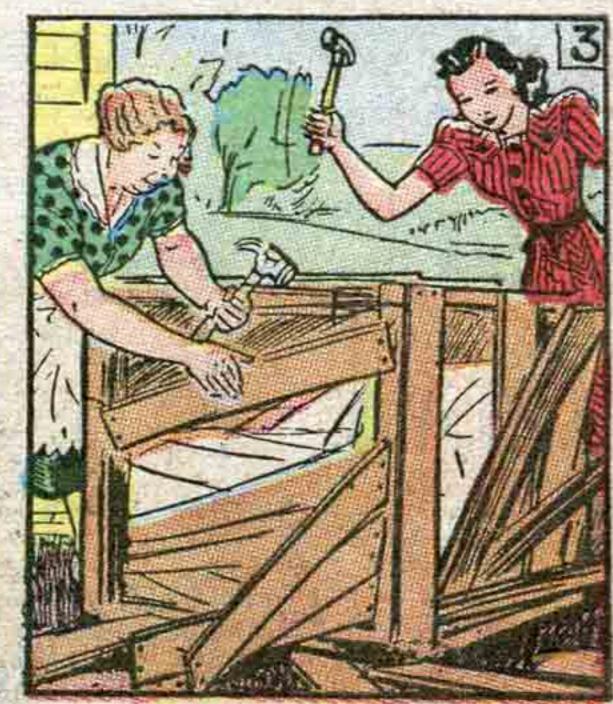


















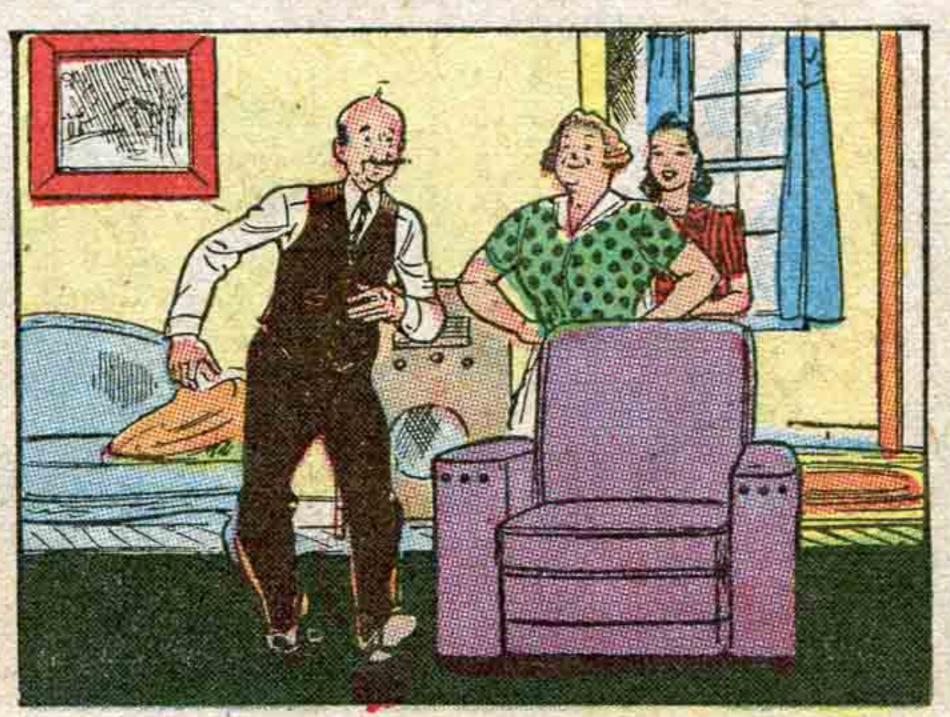




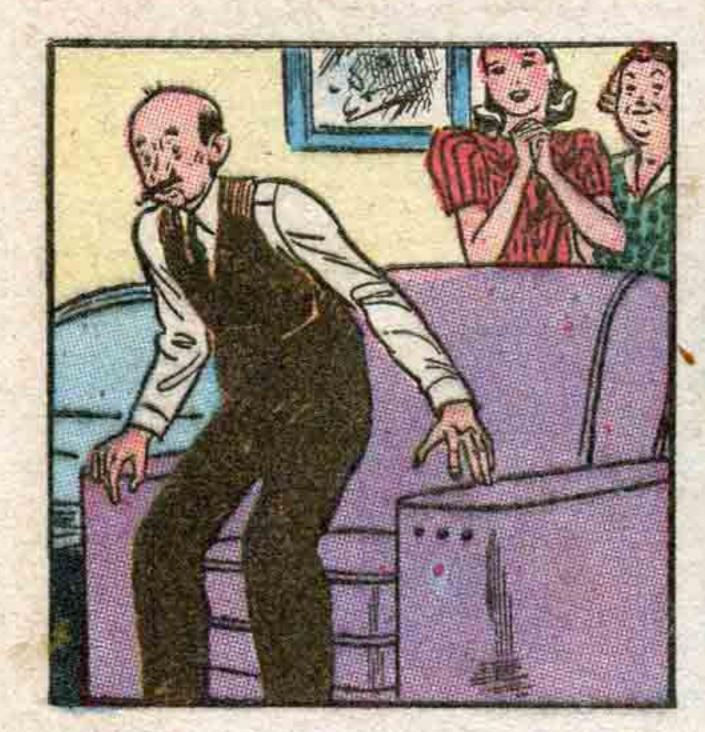








CAREFUL, PA!
THERE'S
SOMETHING
ABOUT
THE CHAIR
YOU DON'T
KNOW-









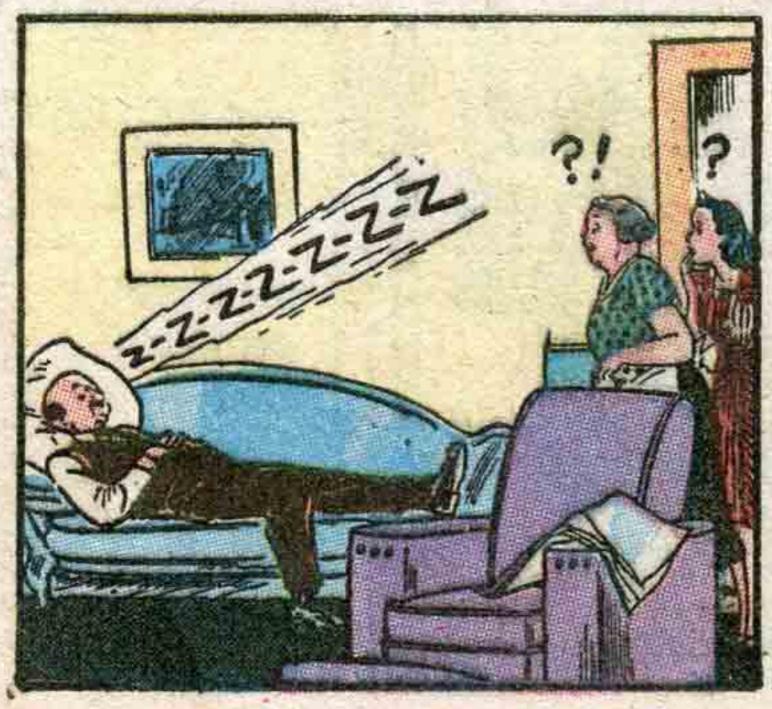






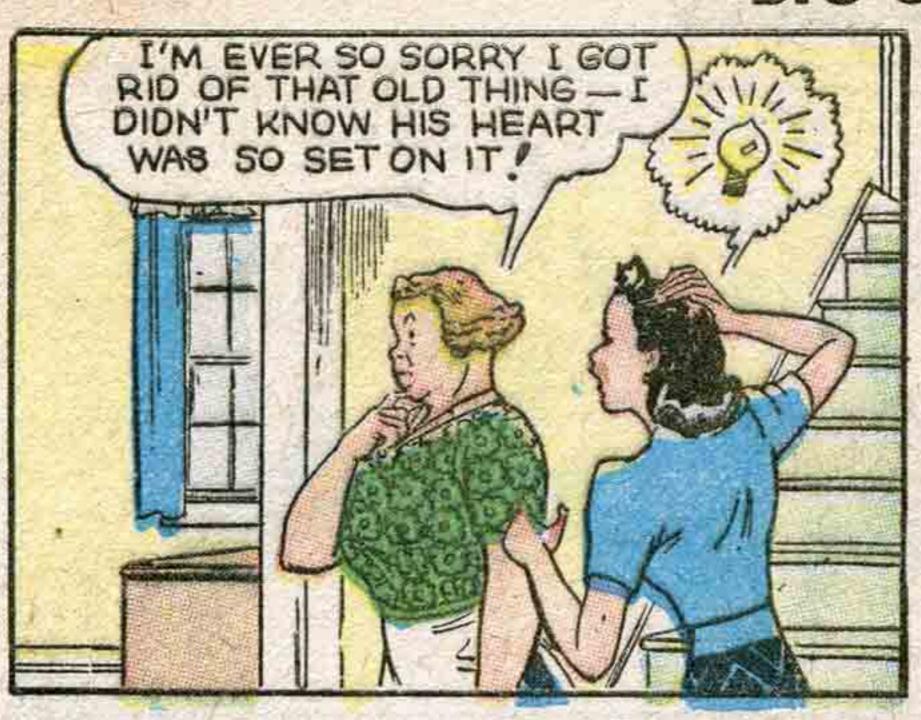
















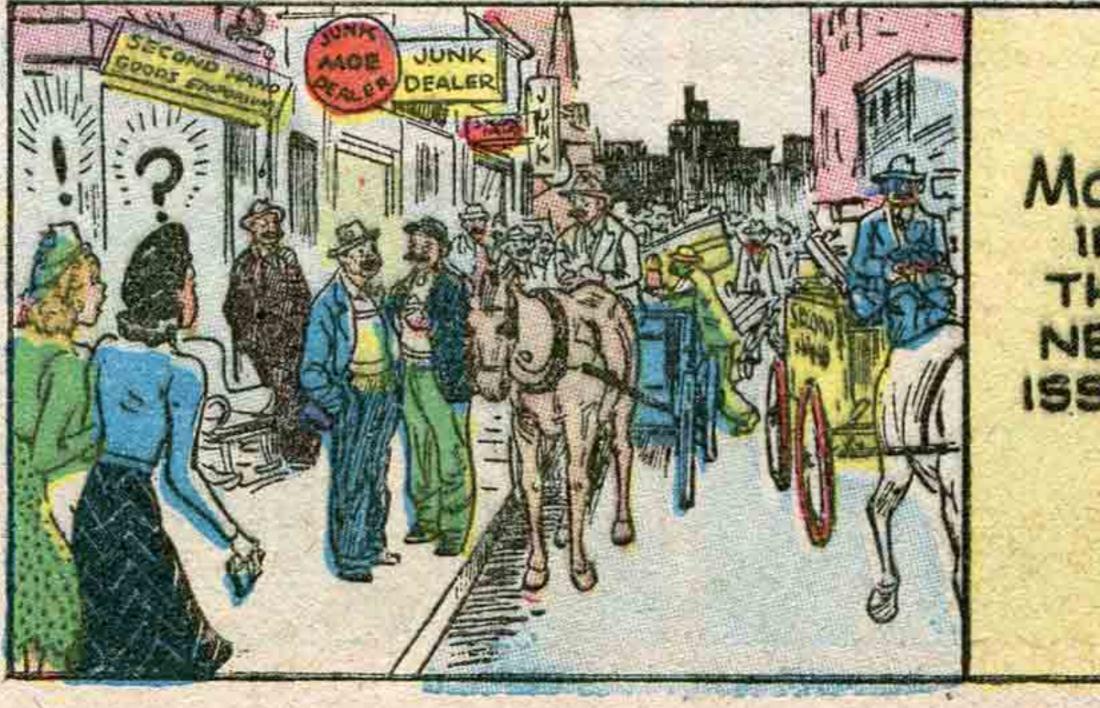












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TRAPPED BY
STEVE CARSON
AS HE IS TRYING
TO RESCUE KIDNAPPED SHEILA
GOODMAN,
CHARLIE WATCHES
STEVE PREPARE
A MYSTERIOUS
MECHANISM OF
DESTRUCTION...

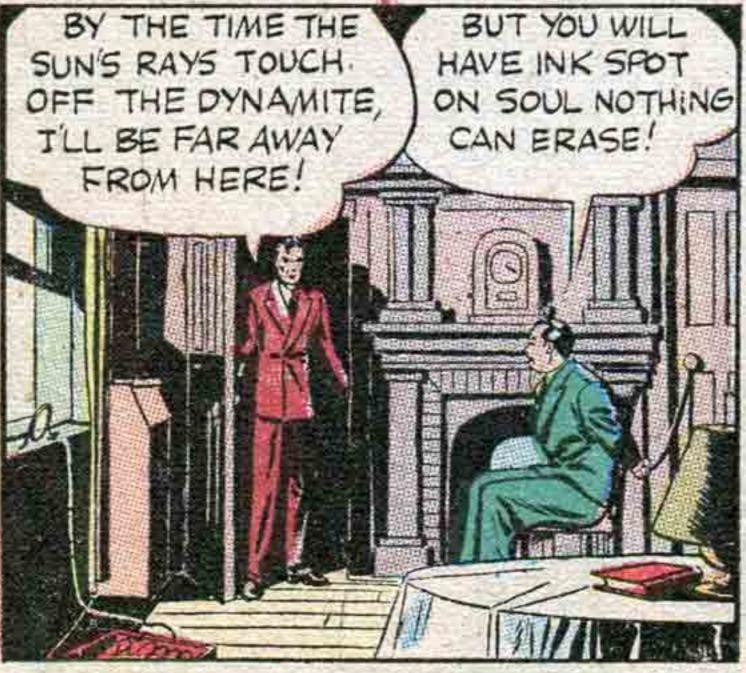


ABOUT MY KID!...
NOW, I'LL RUN THIS
LONG FUSE FROM
THE DYNAMITE TO
THE WINDOW!





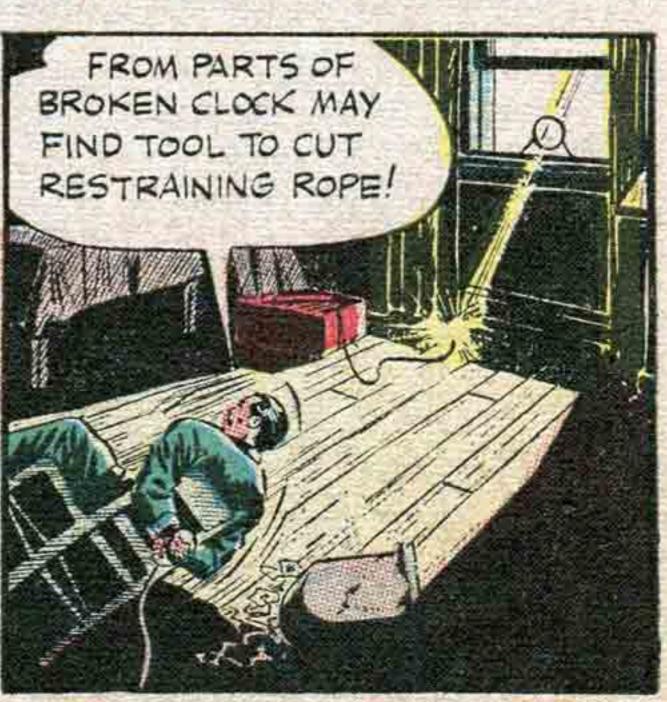




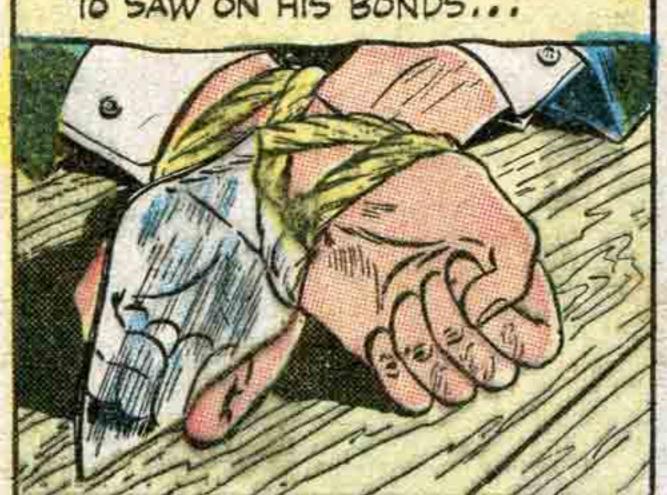


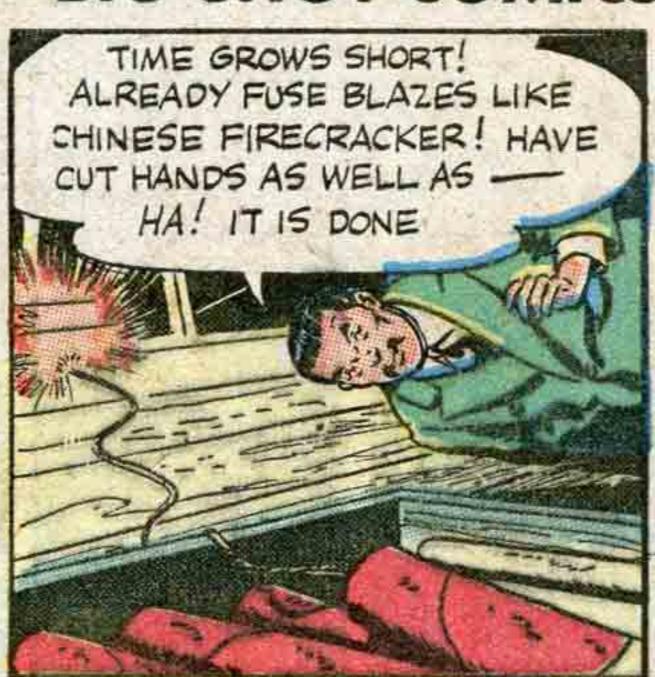






As the deadly sun rays creep toward the dynamite fuse, chan uses a piece of broken glass to saw on his bonds...

































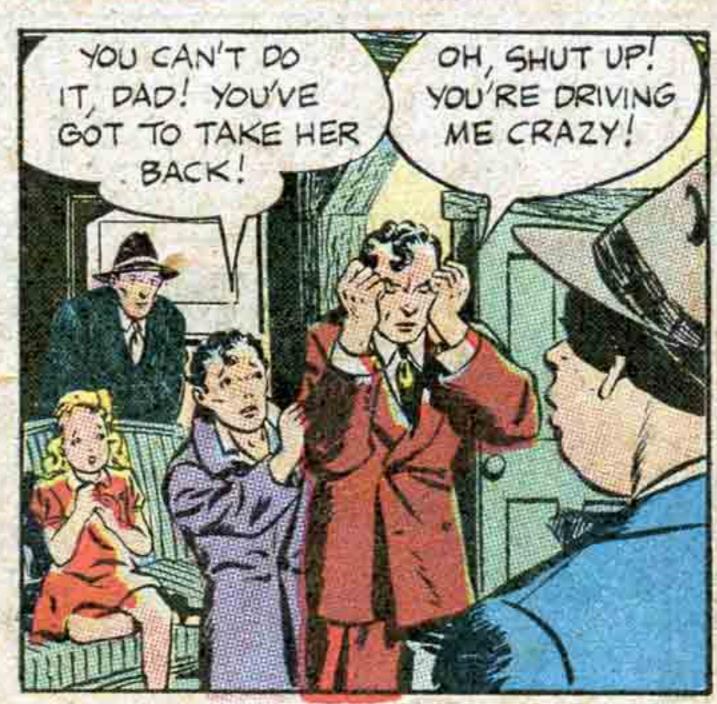
























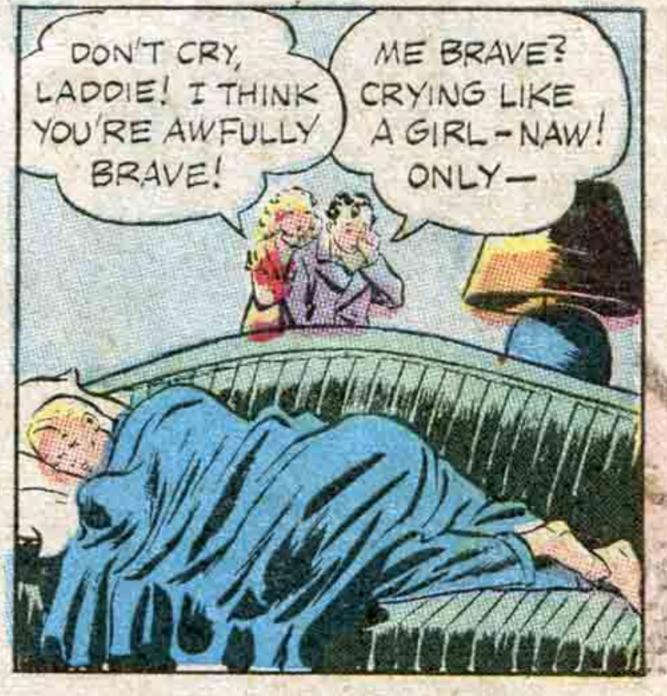




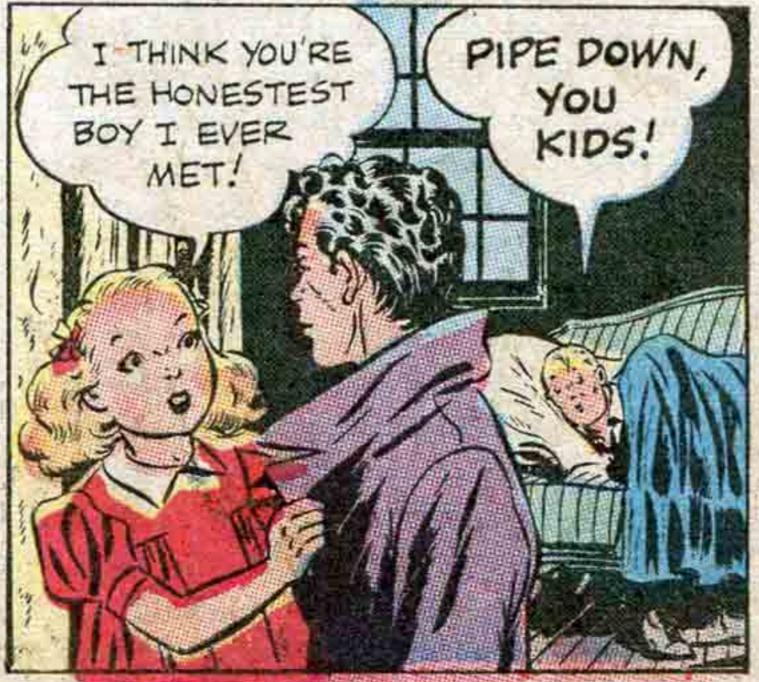














# JARRING THE JAPS

HE glistening prow of the submarine broke the water swiftly, choppy waves mounting her sides and blowing back over the turret in vaporous curtains. Overhead the gulls circled and screamed, more frightened than angry at the strange intrusion.

Beyond the rim of the south China Sea, the sun had dipped

IF YOU CAN'T JOIN UP WITH ME, THE NEXT BEST THING TO HELP US LICK THEM MAD DOGS IS TO BUY ALL THE UNITED STATES SAVINGS BONDS AND STAMPS YOU CAN!



and disappeared. In the diminishing golden after-glow the rugged form of Formosa Island rose from the floor of the sea, hostile and forbidding.

The hatch of the submarine opened and several officers came on deck. For a moment they stood by the rail, breathing deeply of the warm twilight air. Theirs had been the tedious and nerve-straining task of slipping through the strong, tightly bound ring of Japanese destroyers and cruisers that guarded Formosa. To accomplish the feat required the skill and daring and expert cooperation of every member aboard the undersea craft. But this had been only the first step in their perilous mission. The second and even more hazardous one now awaited them.

Ruddy-faced and sandy-haired, Lieutenant Bill Walsh peered through his glasses at the silhouetted coast of the Japanese island. Far in the interior, he could make out the faint outline of Mt. Niitaka towering above the mountainous chain that stretched down along the east side of the island. Somewhere on that rugged shore Captain Everett Stone, of the United States Navy, was being held a captive by the Japanese.

That Captain Stone was a person of importance and of extreme value to the American government, was a known fact. For he alone, of all the officers in the Asiatic fleet, possessed the fullest knowledge of the coastal defense system of the island of Japan itself. And such knowledge played a vital part in the plans that were being prepared for an all-out invasion of the Land of the Rising Sun.

When word first reached headquarters in Washington of the torpedoing and sinking of Captain Stone's destroyer, and of his capture by the enemy, fists were clenched and strong imprecations echoed along the marble corridors. Inquiries were immediately made through all the available channels of information to learn where the

Japanese had taken Captain Stone. And once that knowledge had been gained, orders were dispatched to the Pacific fleet to get Stone away from the Nipponese at any cost.

The submarine on which Bill Walsh was stationed was assigned this ticklish task. There could be no failure of the mission-every member aboard the American sub had sworn to see the thing through to a successful conclusion

or perish in the attempt.

Captain Rogers, commanding officer of the submarine, stood beside Walsh and fixed his eyes grimly on the distant land. "Well, Lieutenant, we're just about on the threshold. Somewhere in the general vicinity of that point is where Captain Stone should be." He indicated a mountainous neck of the shore that jutted into the sea, a formidable bastile for the Japanese prisoner.

"If he's there, we'll get him, Captain," said Walsh with firm

conviction.

"We'll do our best," the captain added. He turned toward the hatch and Bill saw the muscles of his jaw suddenly become taut and prominent, the only evidence of the emotion that surged within the man.

As dusk settled, the shore of Formosa became hazy and almost unreal in appearance. The protruding stretch of land where it was reasonably sure that Captain Stone was being held a prisoner, had now blended itself with the rest of the rocky coastline-from the deck of the submarine it seemed to have disappeared from sight completely.

Captain Rogers gave the order to submerge. It was his plan to approach the land as closely as possible without attracting the Japanese soldiers stationed there. Then, under the protective covering of night, the rescue party would put to shore in one of the collapsible rubber-boats and would endeavor to effect the es-

cape of Captain Stone.

SEVERAL hours passed before Captain Rogers issued the order to rise to the surface. And this only to permit the turret to remain above the lapping waves. The hatch opened again and Lieutenant Walsh stepped on deck, followed by Captain Rogers and a sailor.

The night was extremely dark and the rescuers were assured of at least two hours in which to accomplish their work before the moon would rise. Overhead the inky blackness of the sky was perforated by countless twinkling stars. It seemed a fantastic contradiction that beneath such a celestial canopy of peace the nations of the world were at each others throats, fangs bared, murderously and ruthlessly engaged in their bloody battle of conquest.

"Everything ready?" Captain

Rogers inquired.

"All set, Captain," was Walsh's grim reply. He strapped on his automatic. He and the sailor silently lifted the inflated rubber boat and slid it over the side, into the water.

The sub lay off-shore approximately a hundred yards. Walsh and his husky sailor-companion paddled the distance in less than ten minutes. Once they lifted their paddles from the water and held them motionless when a light suddenly appeared high up the face of the towering shore.

"Probably one of the guards,"
Walsh whispered. "Anyway, we
know that someone's moving

around up there."

The night was extremely dark and the sound of the water lapping and churning among the rocks on the shore was the only indication they had that they were approaching land. They eased the rubber craft in and felt the bottom scrape the pebbled beach. They alighted and lifted the boat onto dry ground.

"Now the fun begins," said Walsh. "I'm going to head for that light up there. You stand guard here, Joe—and when you hear me whistle, flash your light so's I'll know where the boat is."

"I'll be waitin', Lieutenant,"
Joe replied, making no pretense
to conceal the disappointment he

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experienced. He thought he might be asked to accompany Walsh he was itching to get his hands around the necks of a few Japs.

Walsh sensed the sailor's feelings. "I know what you're thinking, Joe—but you may still get a
whack at them. So long!"

Walsh found himself climbing a steep incline. In the utter darkness, the going was difficult. He stumbled over rocks, crawled around huge boulders and inched his way through clumps of bushes. It was practically impossible to see any definite object except the light that glowed high above him on the mountainside.

Some twenty minutes elapsed before Walsh reached the crest on the mountainside from where the guiding light shone. Other lights, not visible from the submarine nor the shore below, glowed from windows and doorways in what appeared to be a cluster of barracks. In the center of the buildings a flagpole held aloft the emblem of the rising sun of Japan.

Groups of Japanese soldiers congregated in front of the several barracks. They laughed, talked and smoked—completely unaware that one of their hated American enemies watched their movements from the darkness not

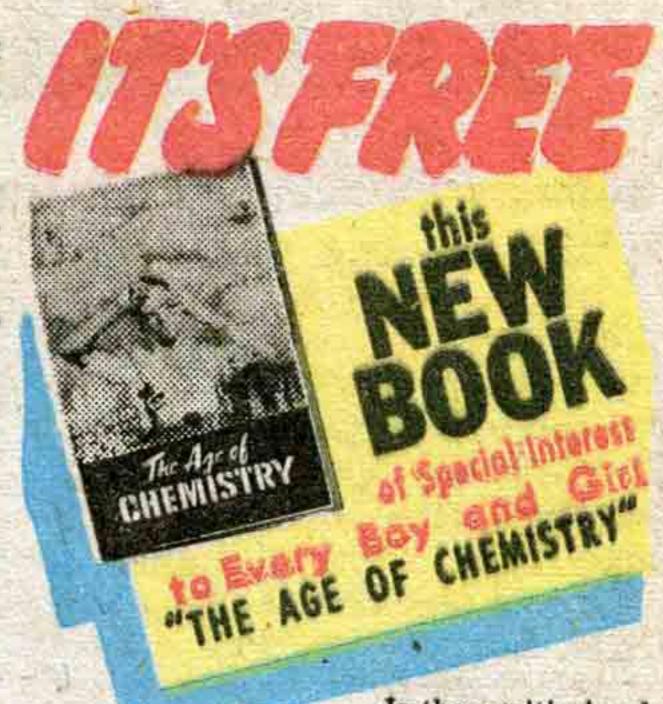
many yards away.

"Looks like they have a regular small army stationed here," Walsh thought to himself. "Wonder where they've got Captain Stone?"

Realizing the priceless value of the passing seconds, he pressed forward to seek the answer to his own question. Somewhere in those buildings ahead the American naval officer was imprisoned and Walsh meant to find out.

In a crouching position, he advanced step by step—then suddenly collided with another person. The impact threw Walsh off balance and in the following moment he heard the other party curse him in Japanese!

Will Lieutenant Walsh succeed in his mission of rescuing Captain Stone from his Japanese captors? Be sure to read the thrilling conclusion to this story in next month's issue of BIG SHOT!



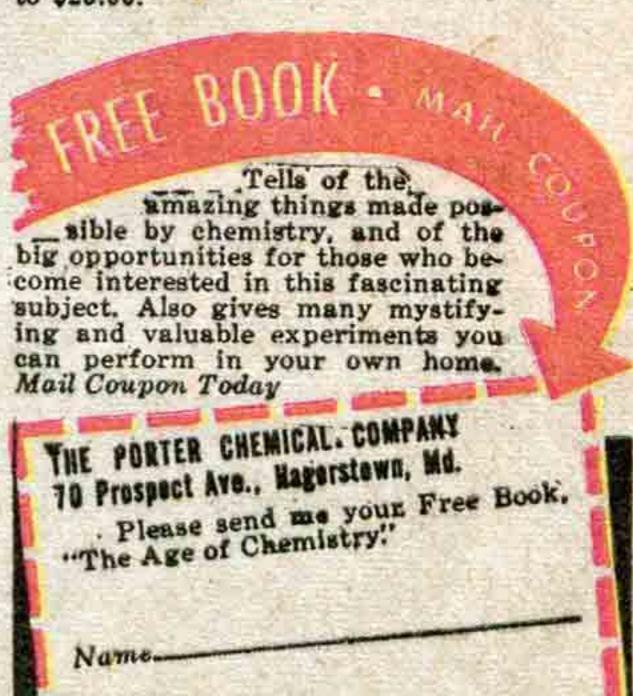
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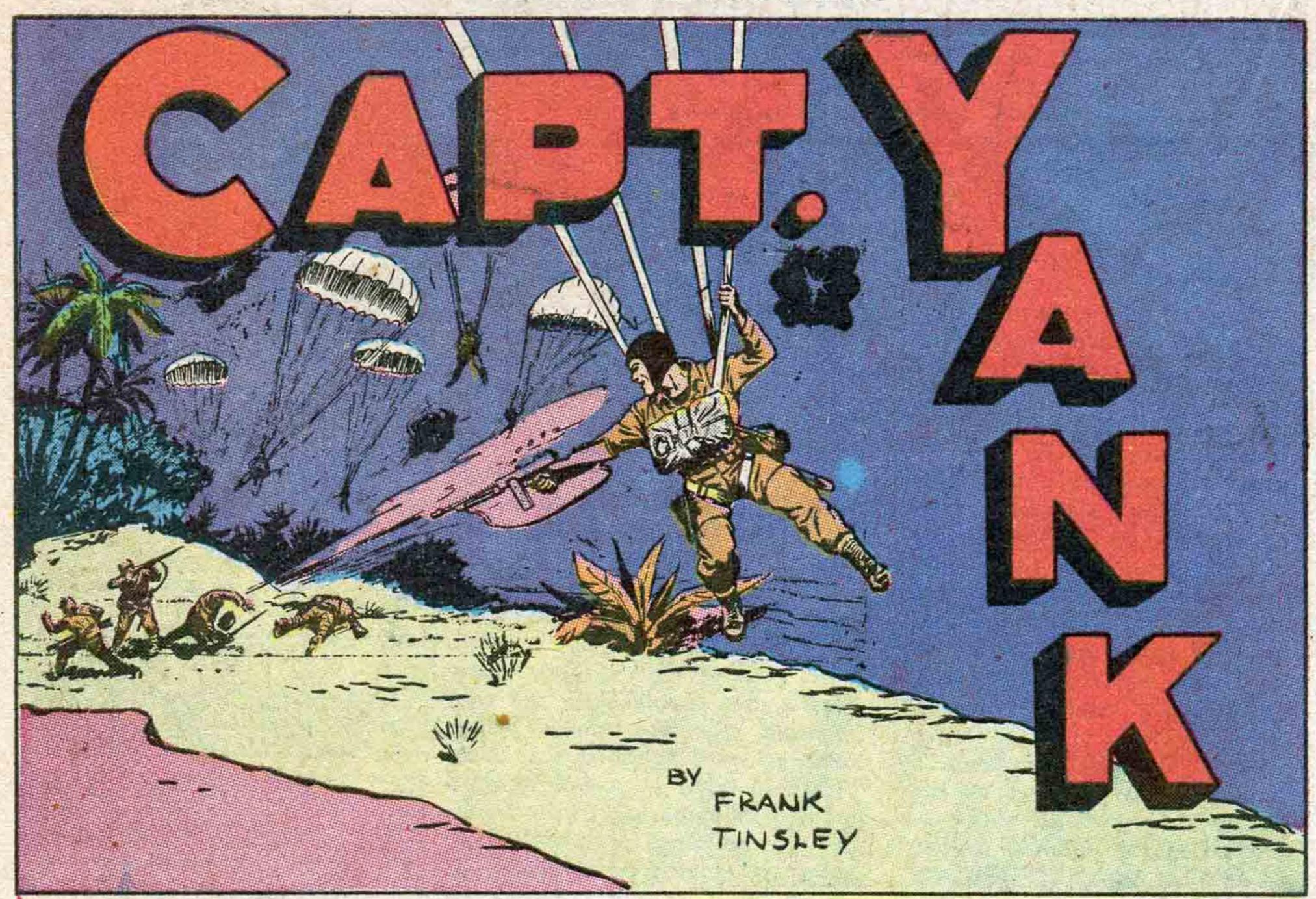


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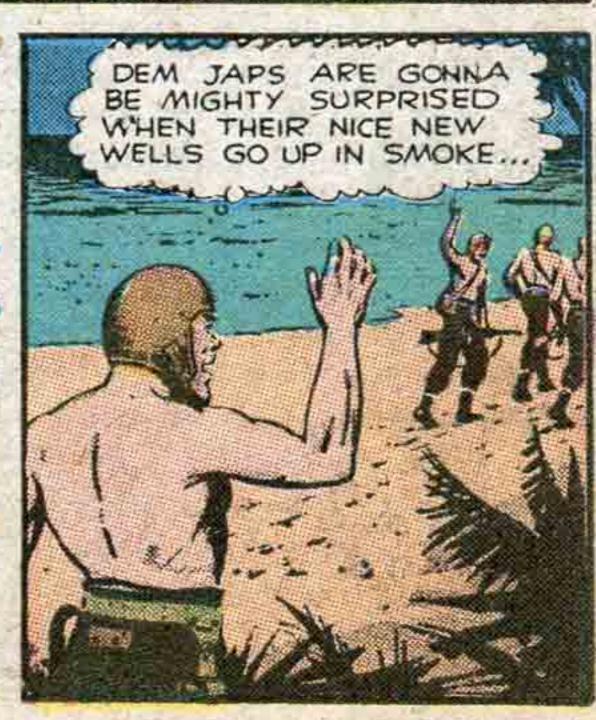
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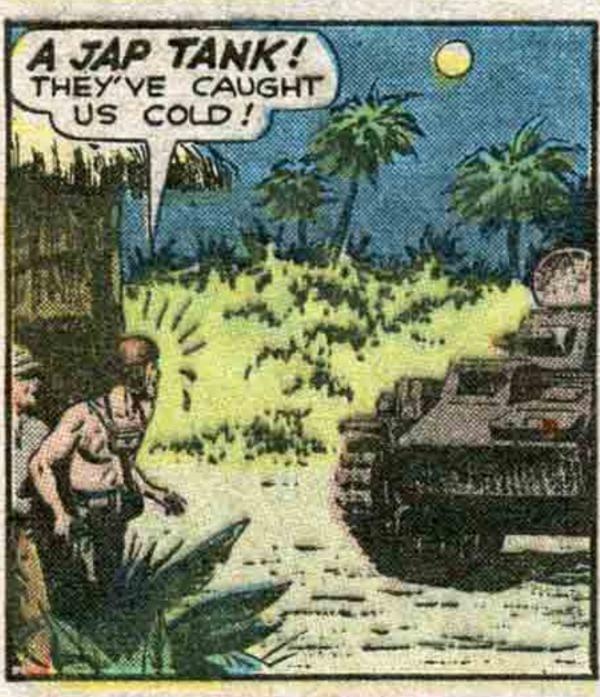




NAWARE
THAT HACKER
HAS BEEN
CAPTURED,
YANK AND
A FEW CHOSEN
MEN OF HIS
COMMANDO
PREPARE
TO BLAST
THE JAP HELD
OIL FIELD...

























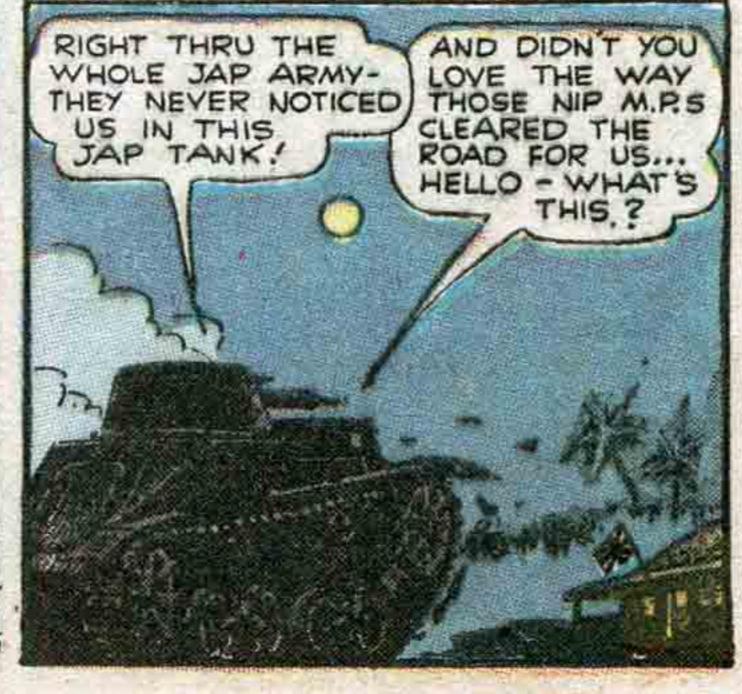




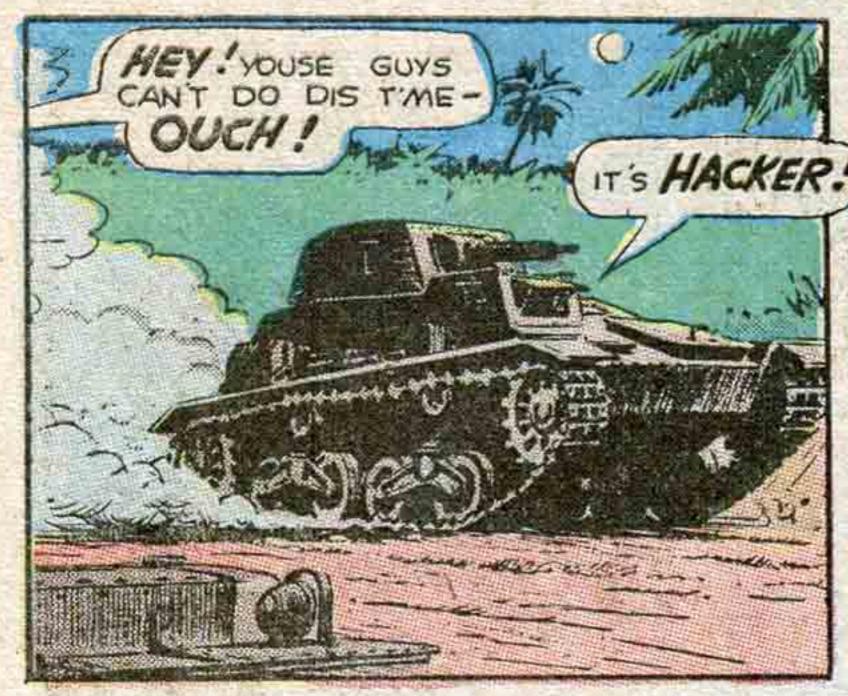








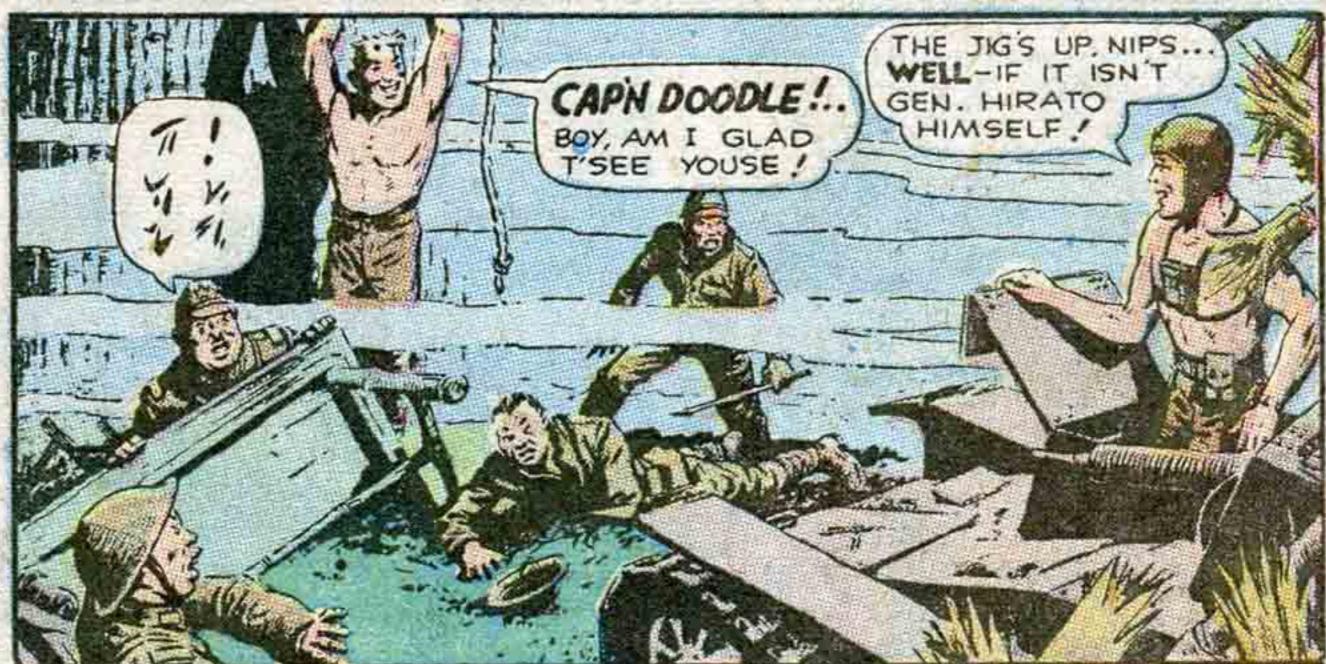










































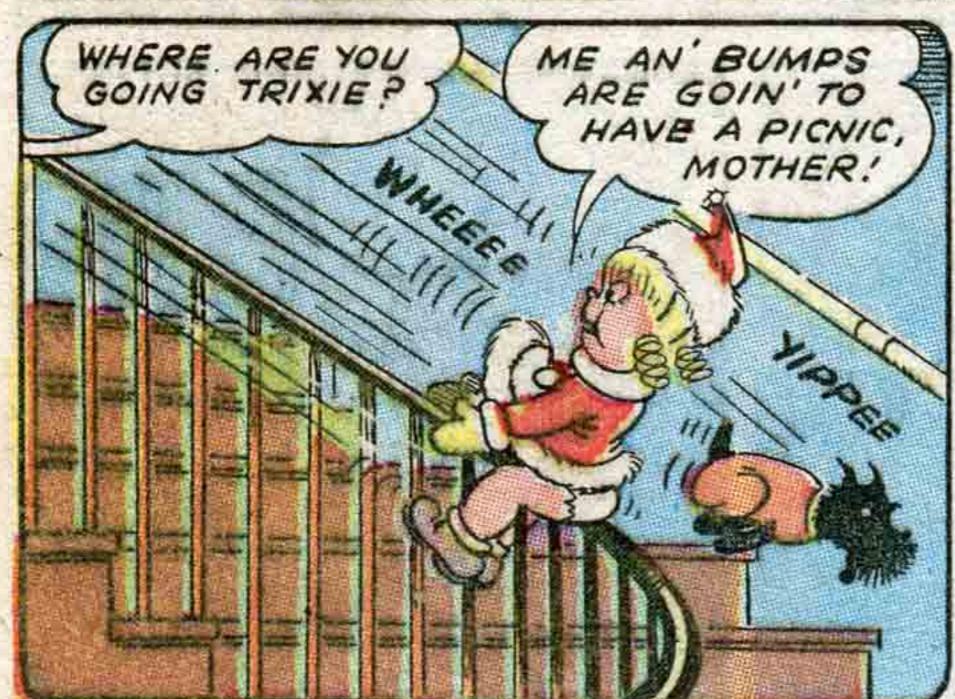










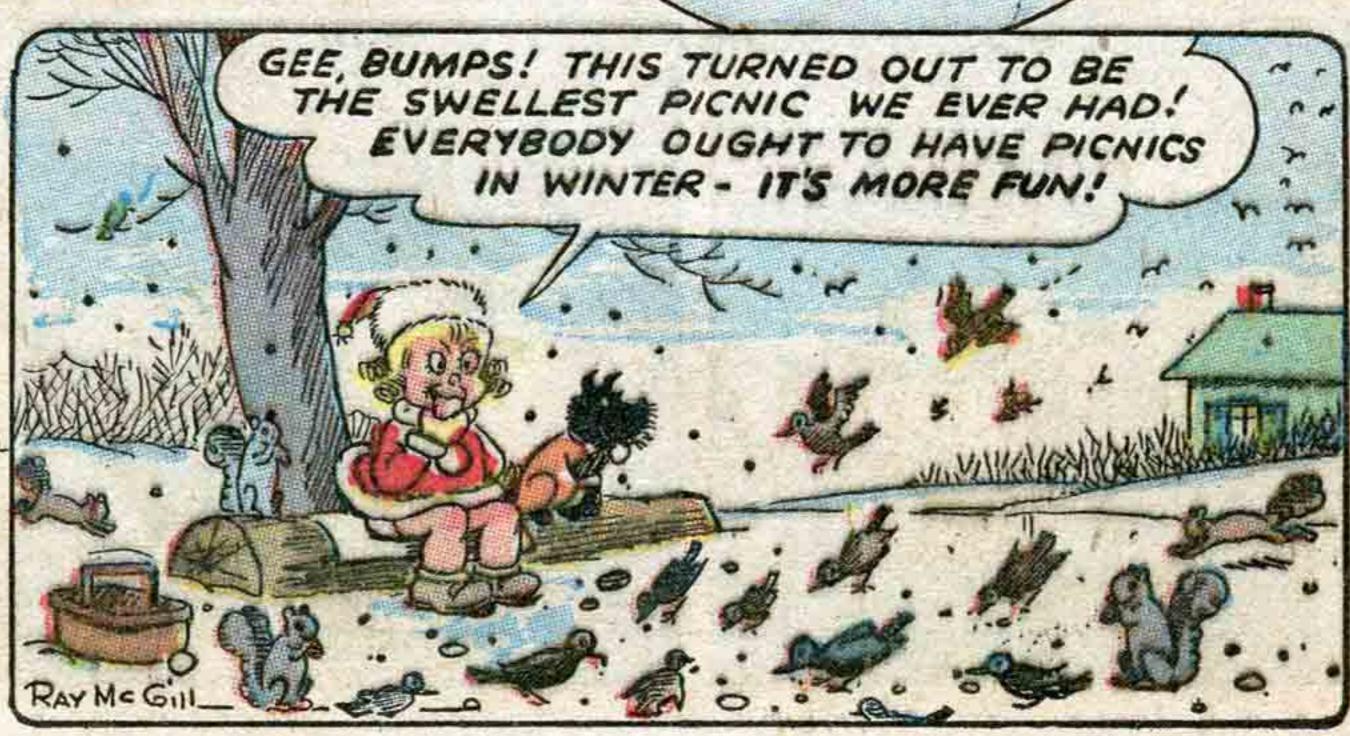




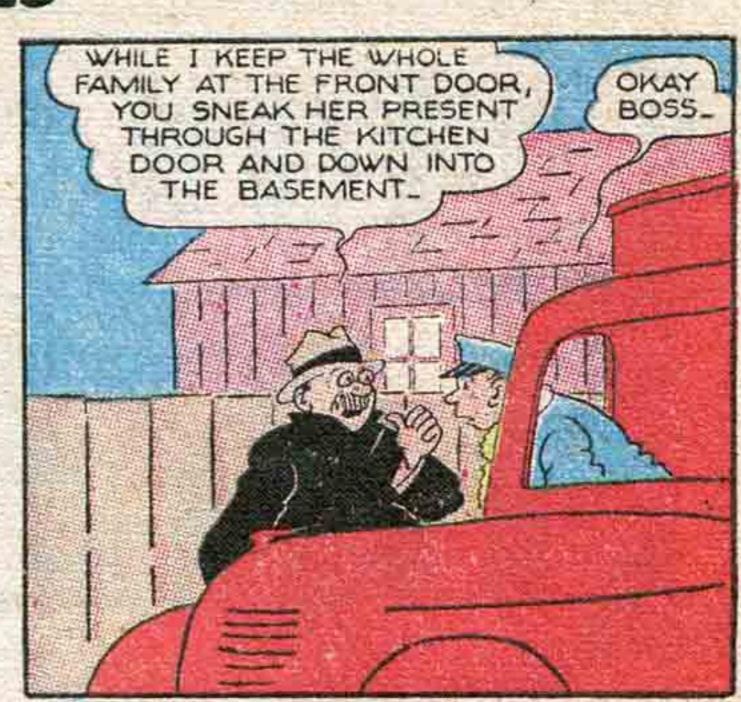










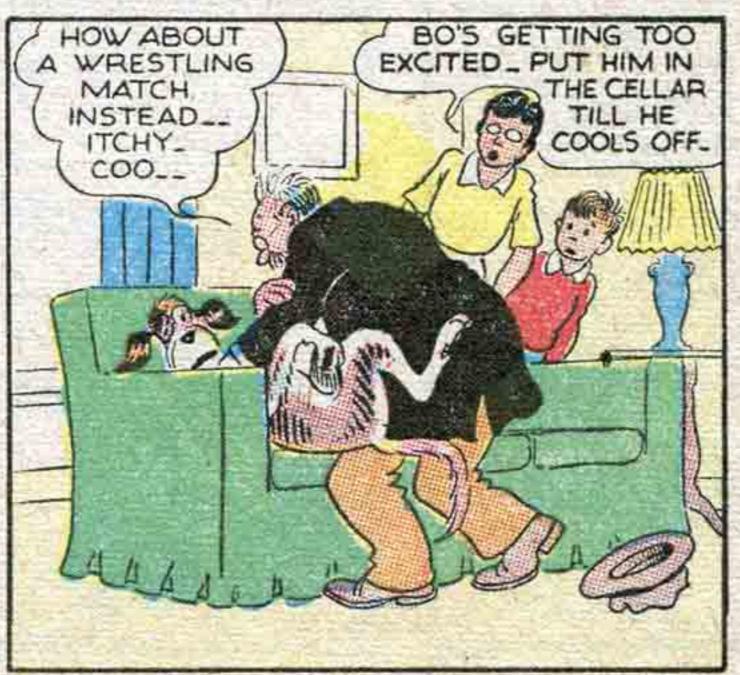










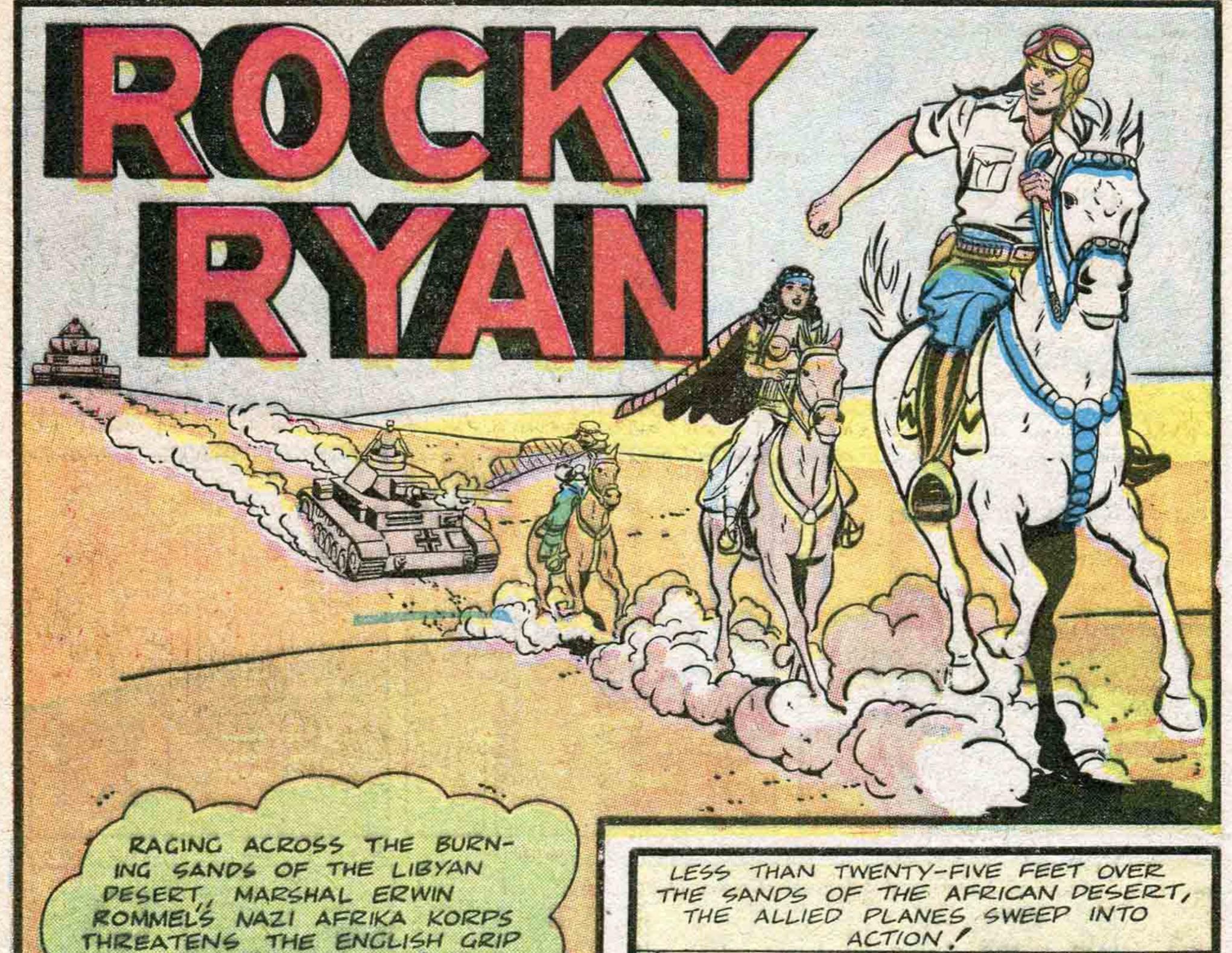












ING SANDS OF THE LIBYAN

PESERT, MARSHAL ERWIN

ROMMELS NAZI AFRIKA KORPS

THREATENS THE ENGLISH GRIP

ON THE SUEZ CANAL! BUT

THE AUSSIES AND THE ANZACS,

THE TOMMIES AND THE

YANKEES ARE FIGHTING MAD,

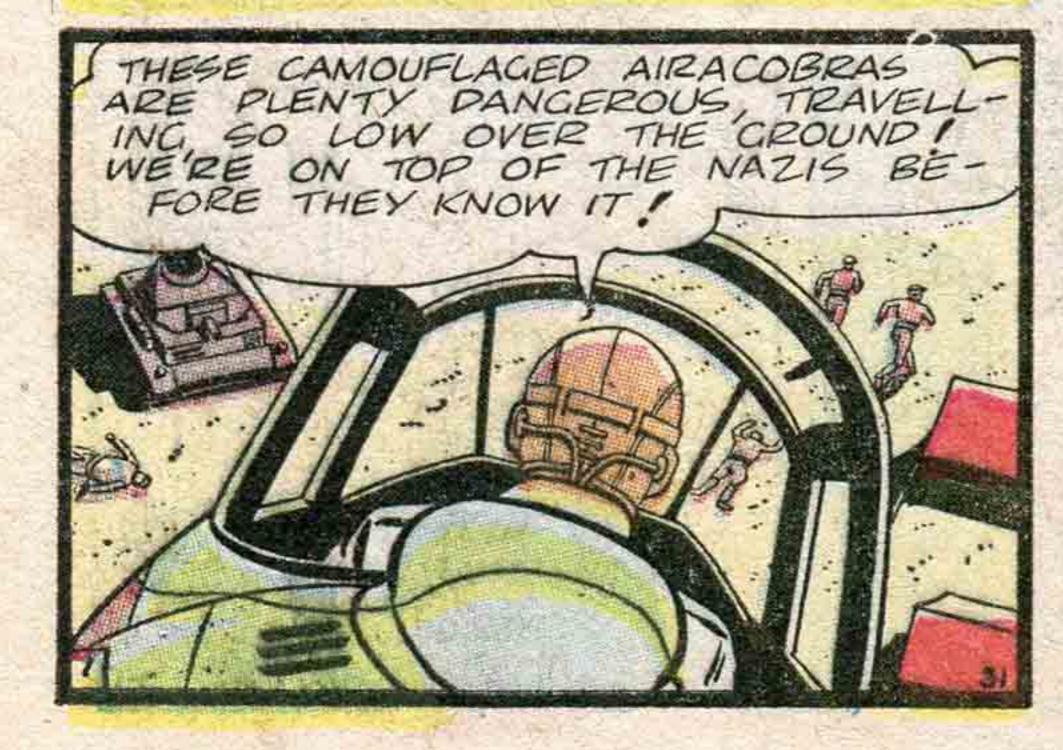
AND READY FOR THE POWER

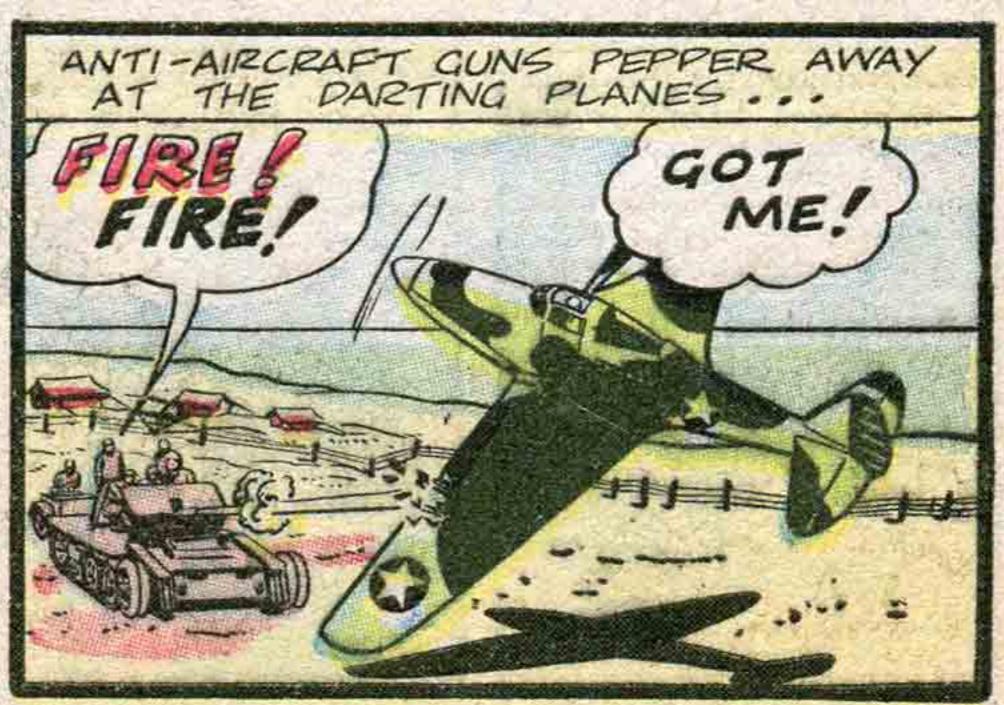
THE AXIS FLINGS AGAINST

THEM

PILOTING AN AIRACOBRA FIGHTER, ROCKY RYAN POWER-DIVES INTO TROUBLE ...

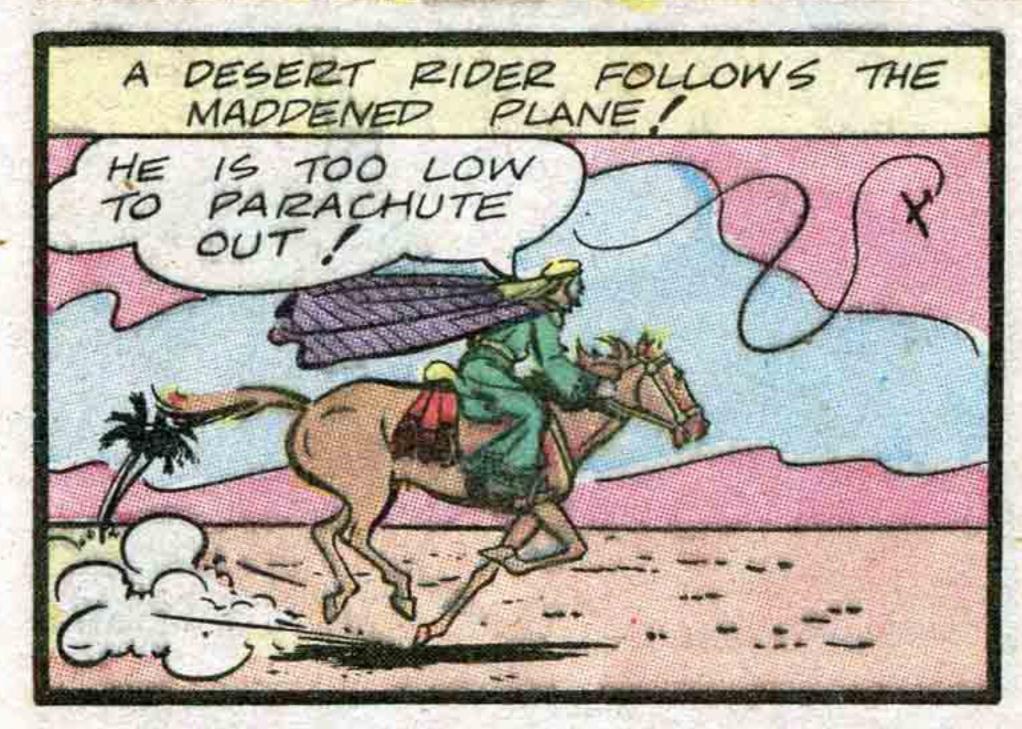




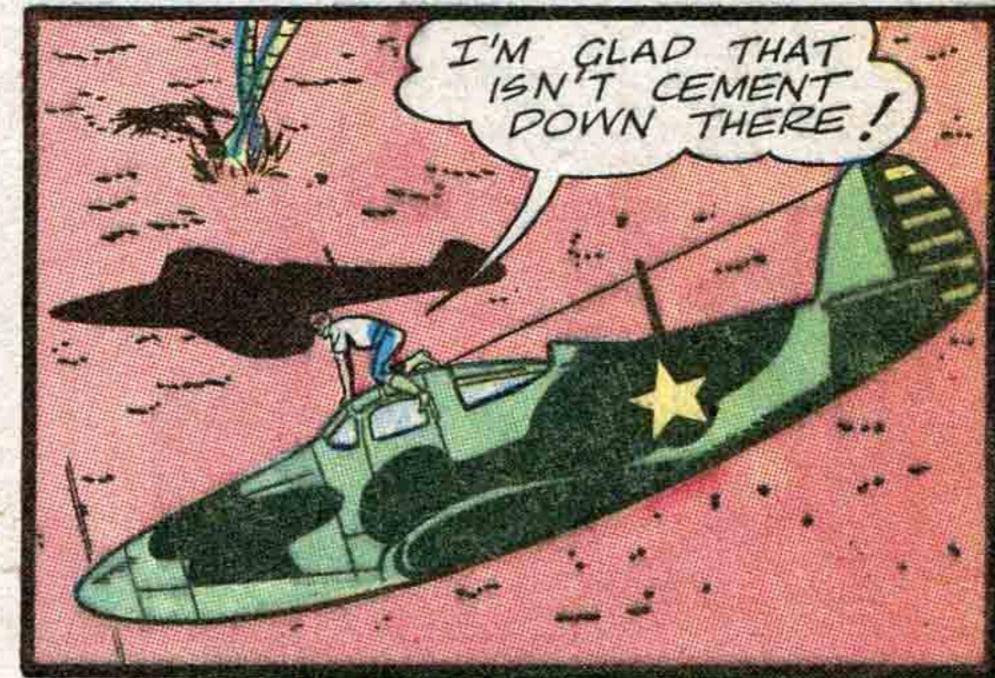


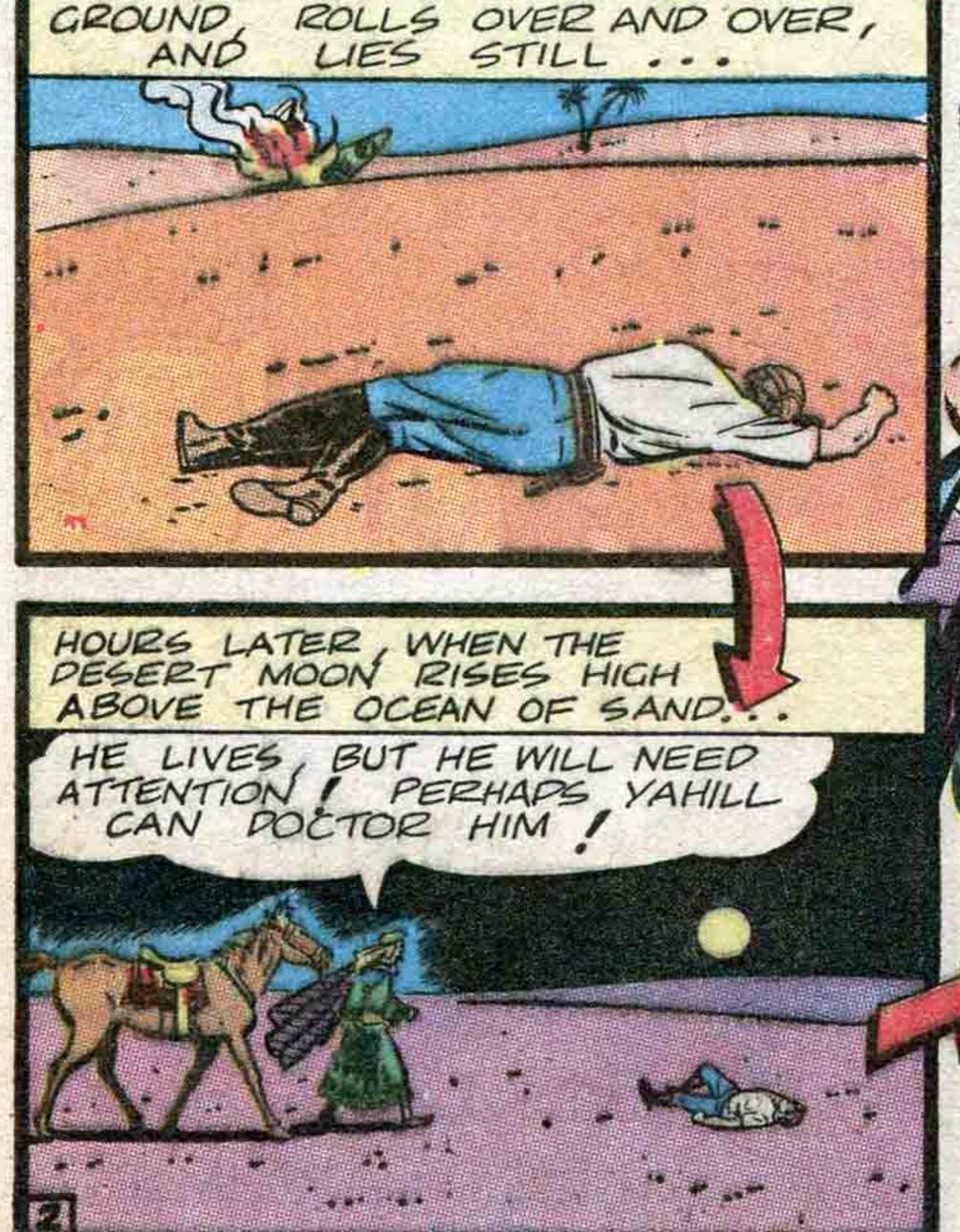






A HURTLING BODY STRIKES THE









THE NAZI FORCES WERE TOO WEAK FOR THEIR REGULAR CORPS. THAT MEANS THAT ROMMEL'S LONG-THREATENED DRIVE IS ABOUT TO BEGIN! HE'S CALLED HIS TANK CORPS UP TO THE FRONT! HE'S GOING TO ATTACK!











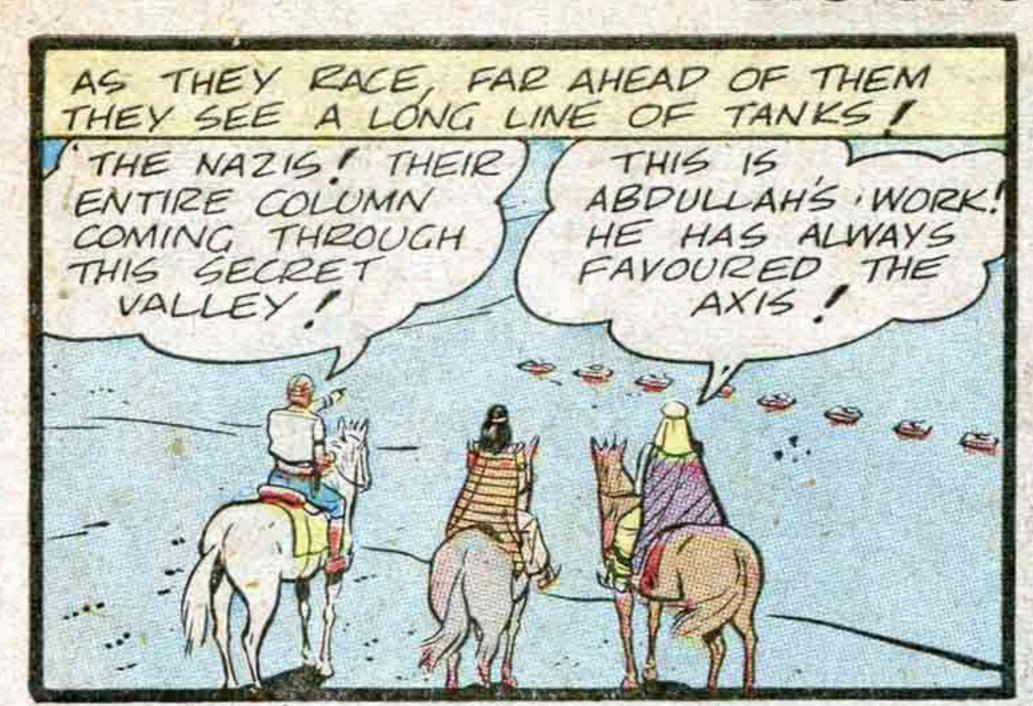
HE LOVES ME, BUT I

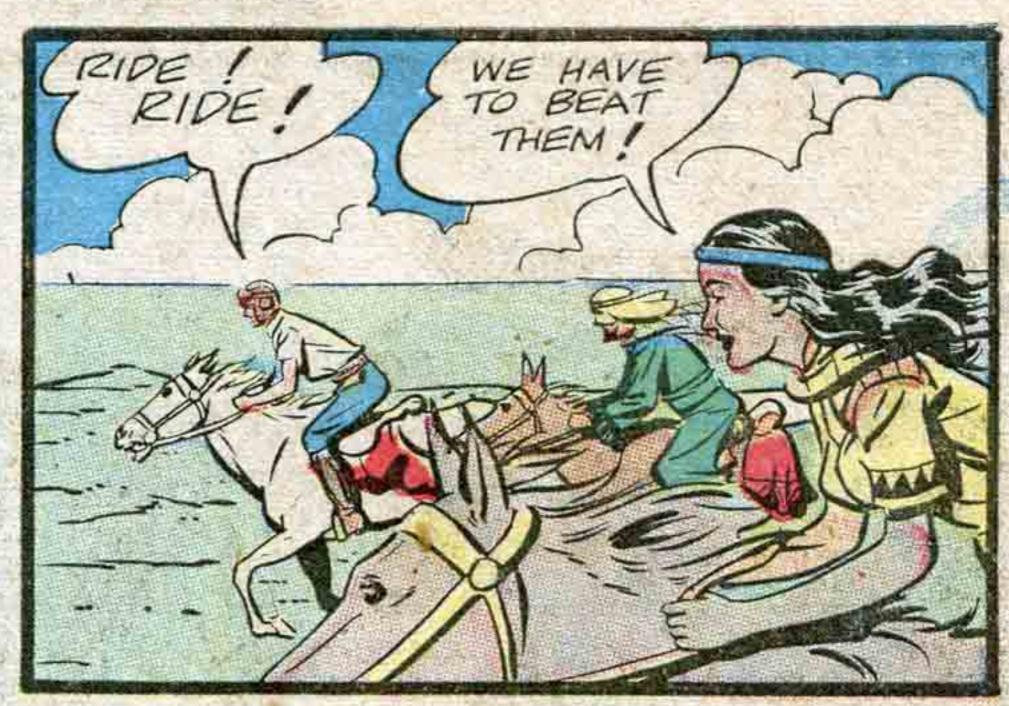
HAVE TO STIR HIM INTO

BUT WHY DOES

HE HAVE TO

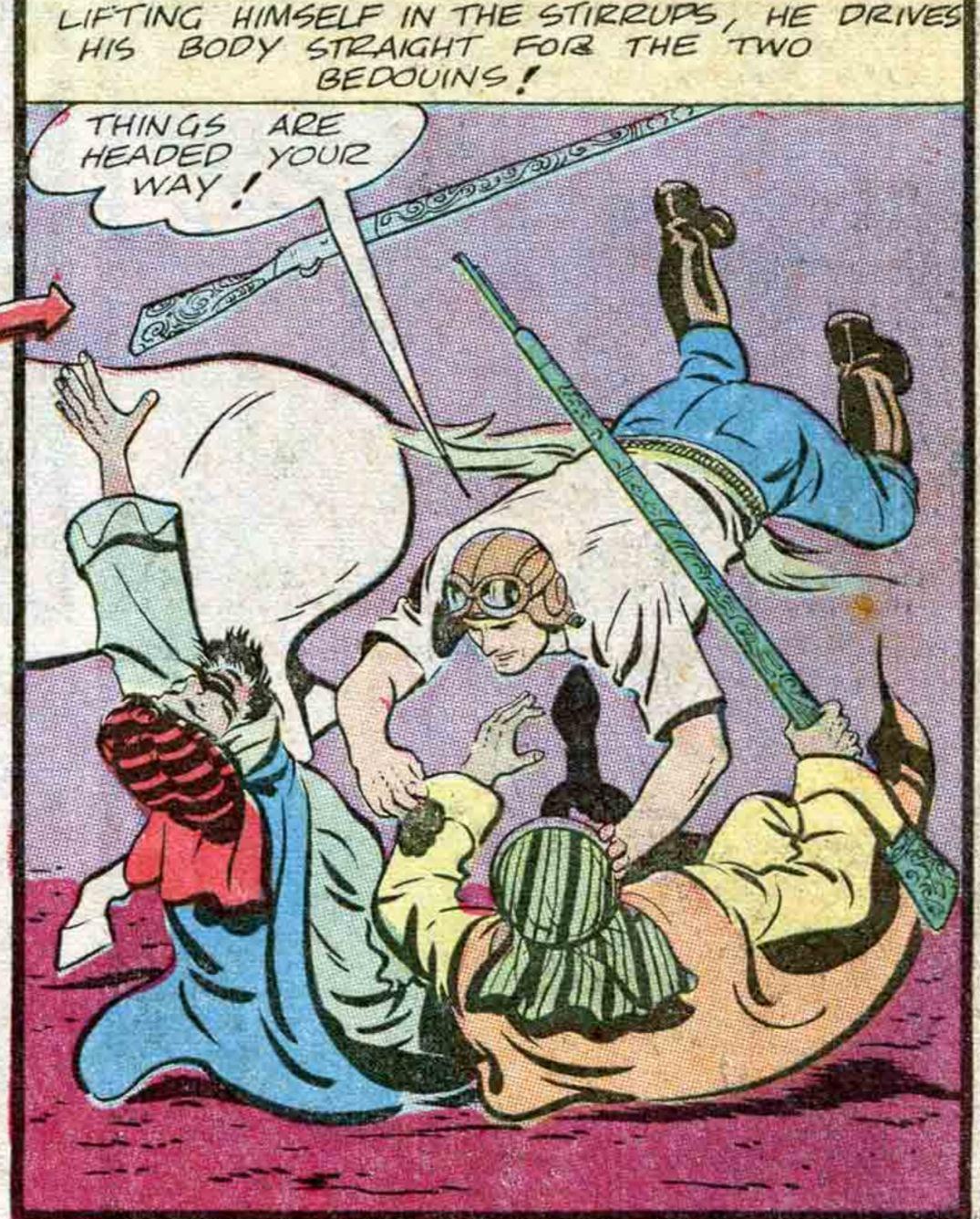




















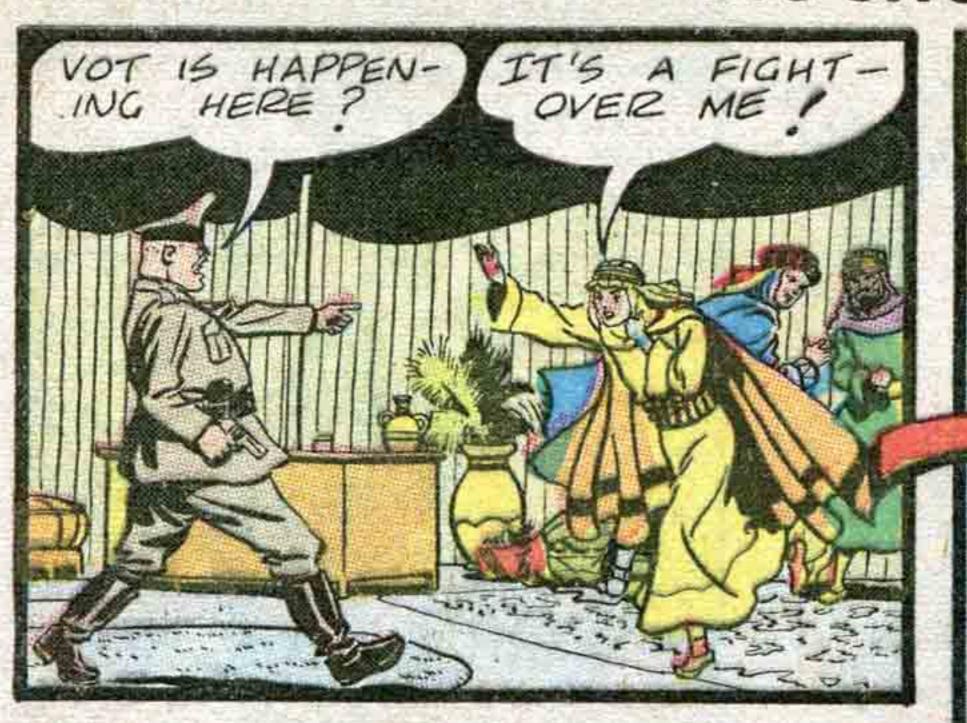


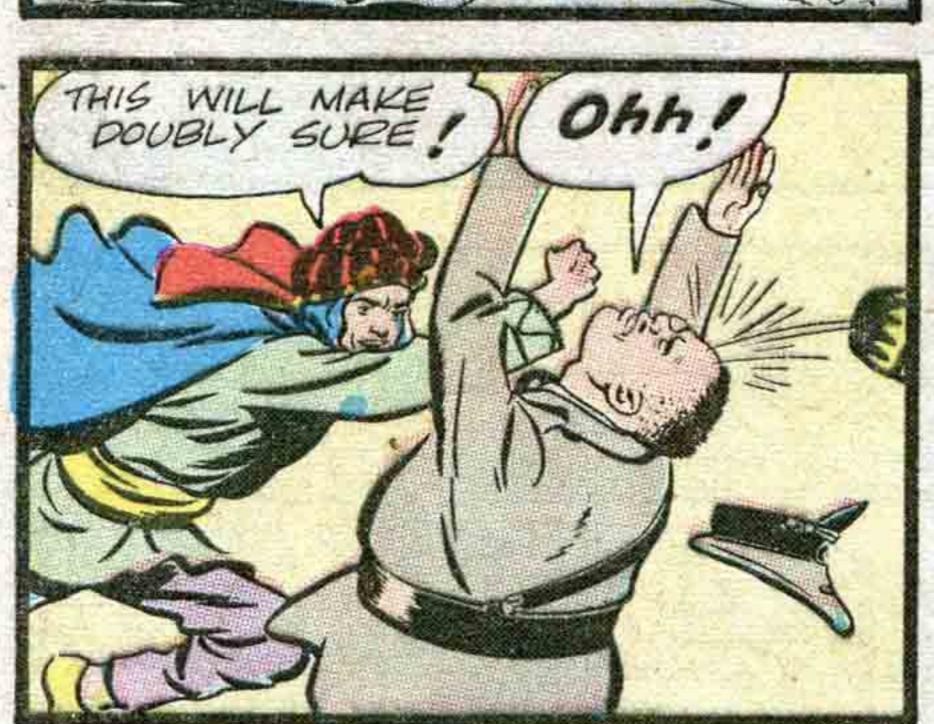














YOU WILL DRINK THAT

DESERT WINE, WILL YOU?

YOU DRINK TOO MUCH!

HOW CAN I LOVE YOU IF

YOU ACT LIKE THAT?

HA - HAP

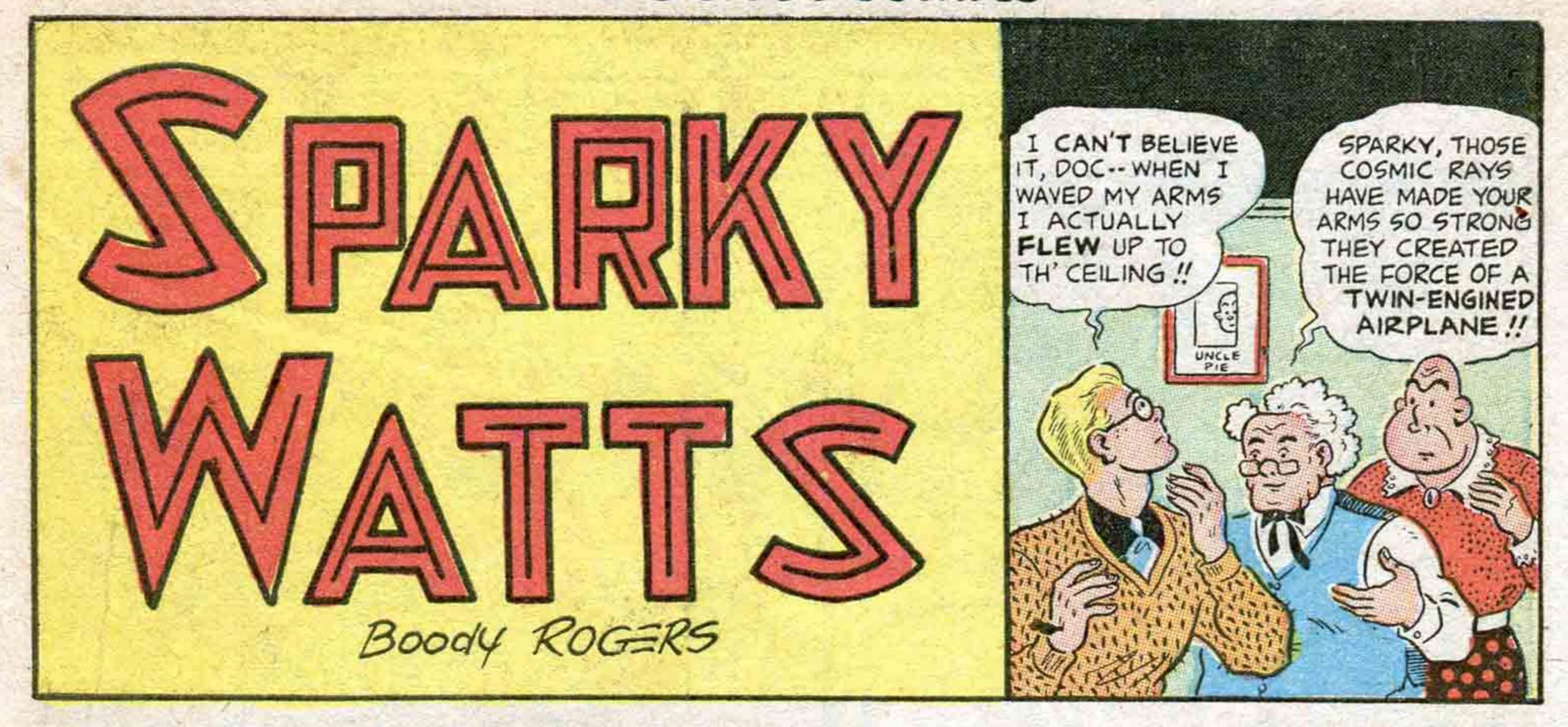
A LOVERS

QUARREL

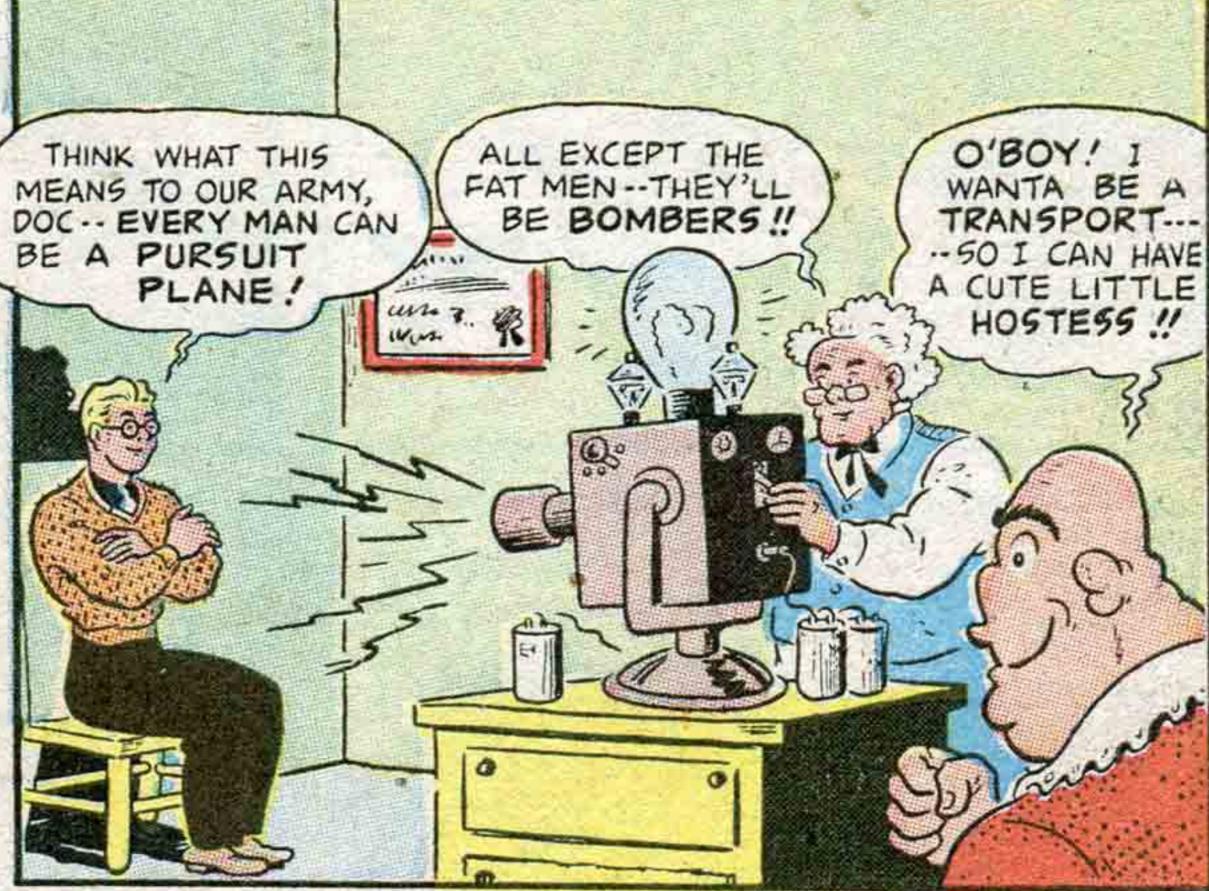




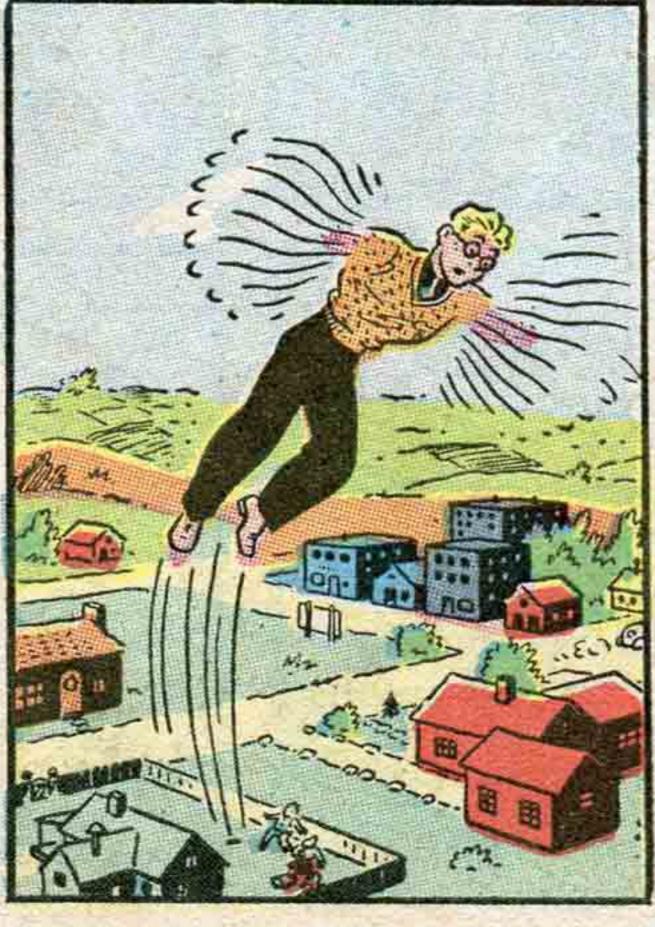










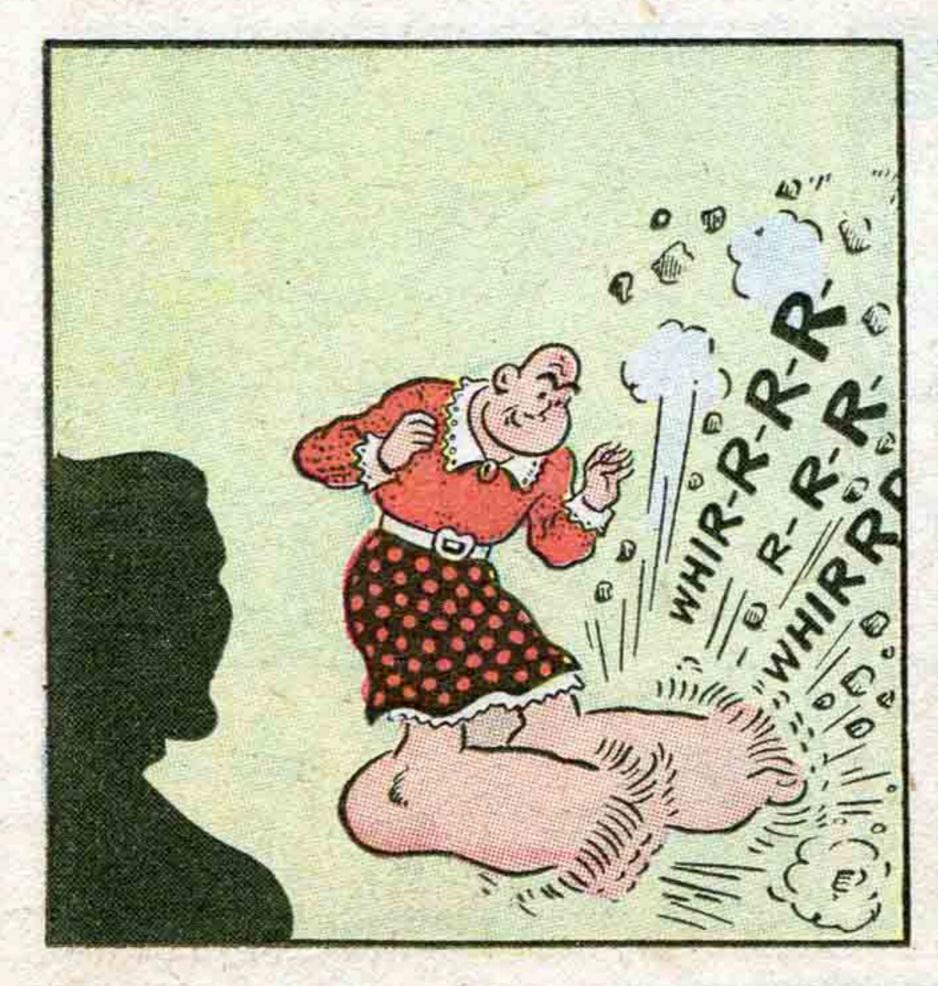




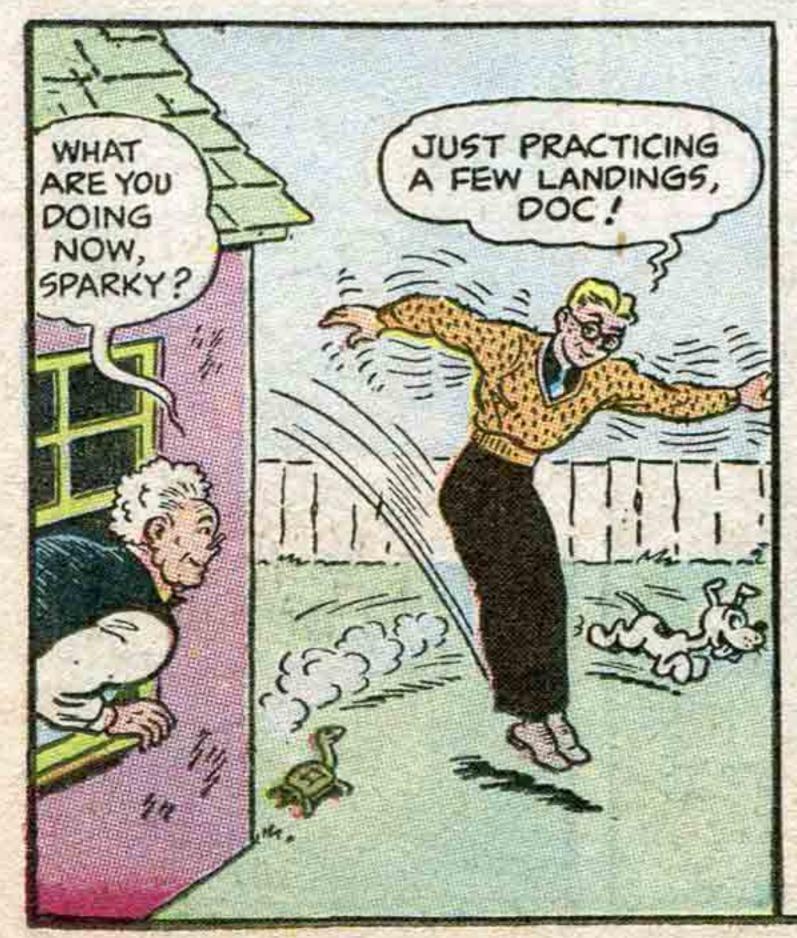






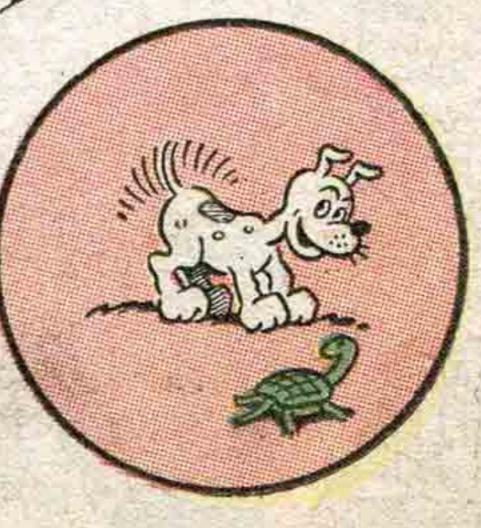












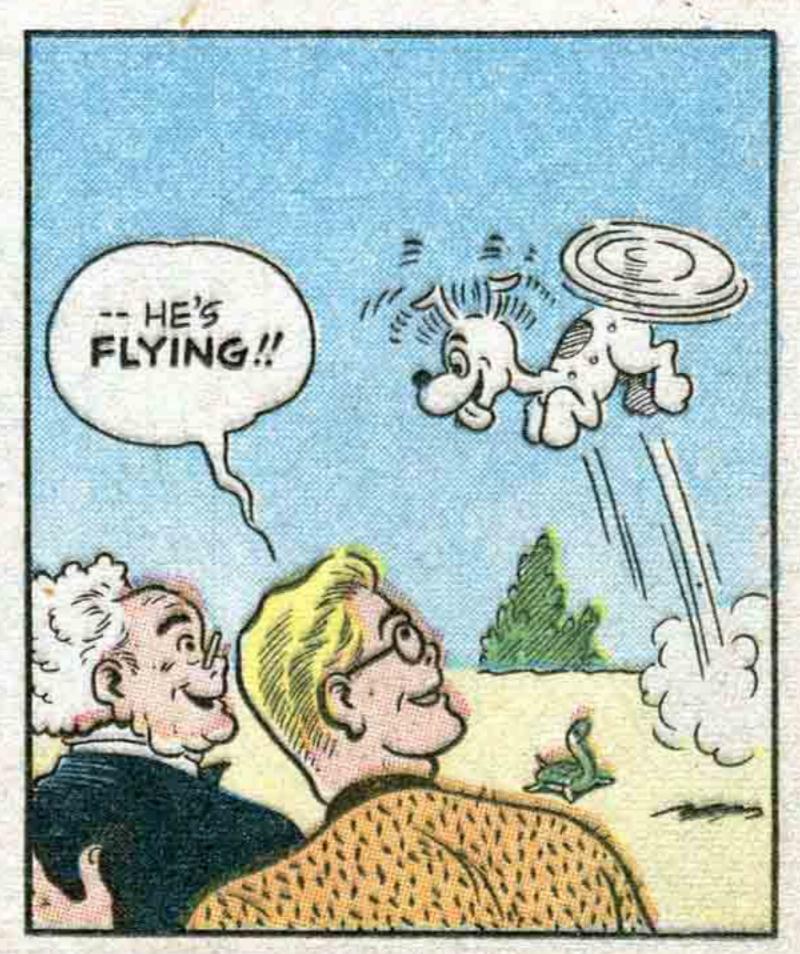




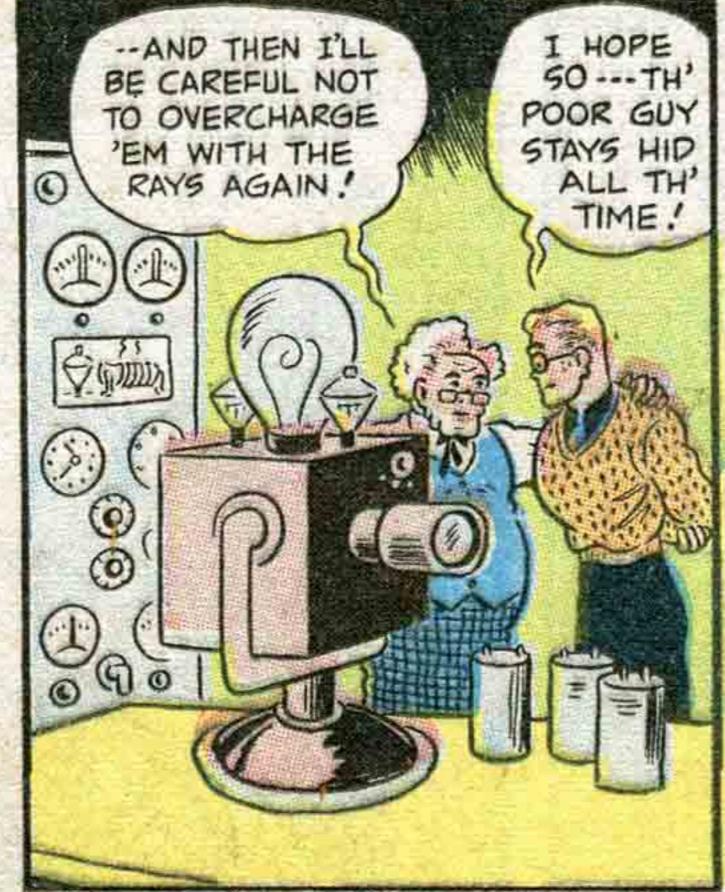








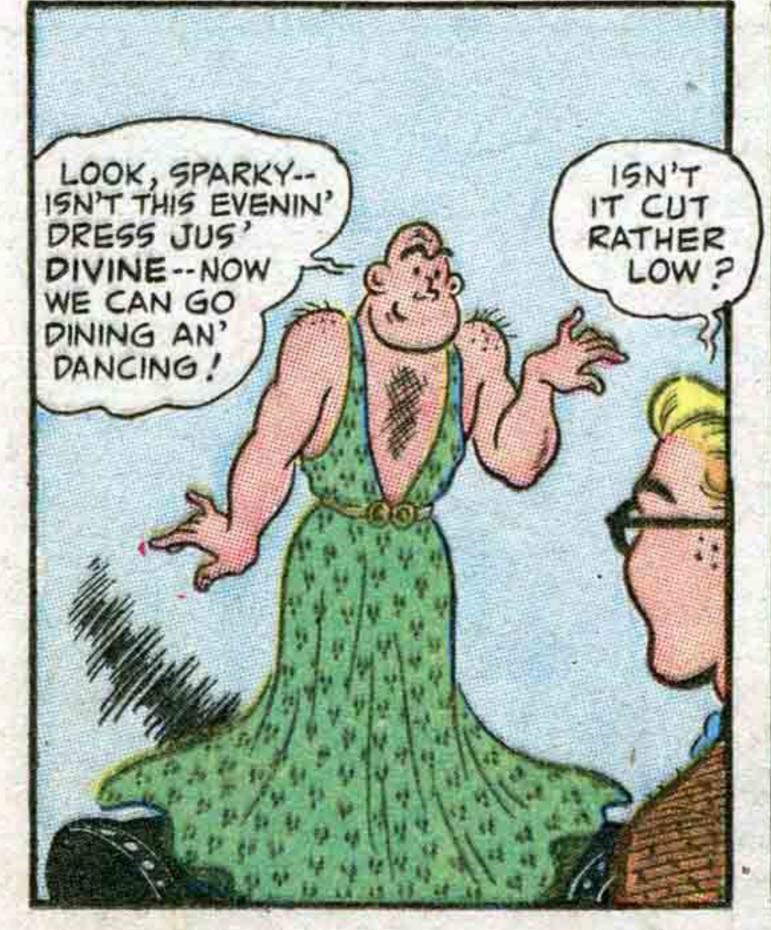




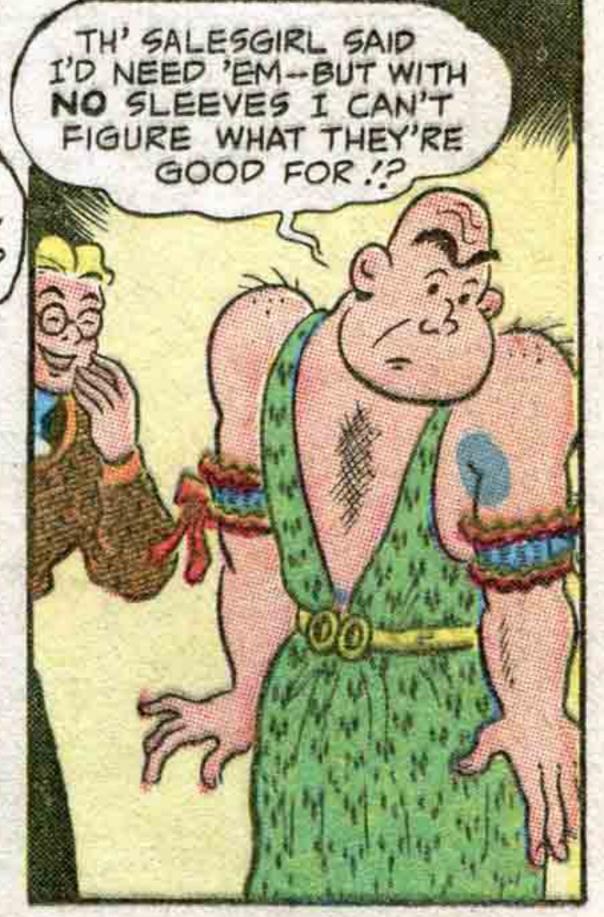




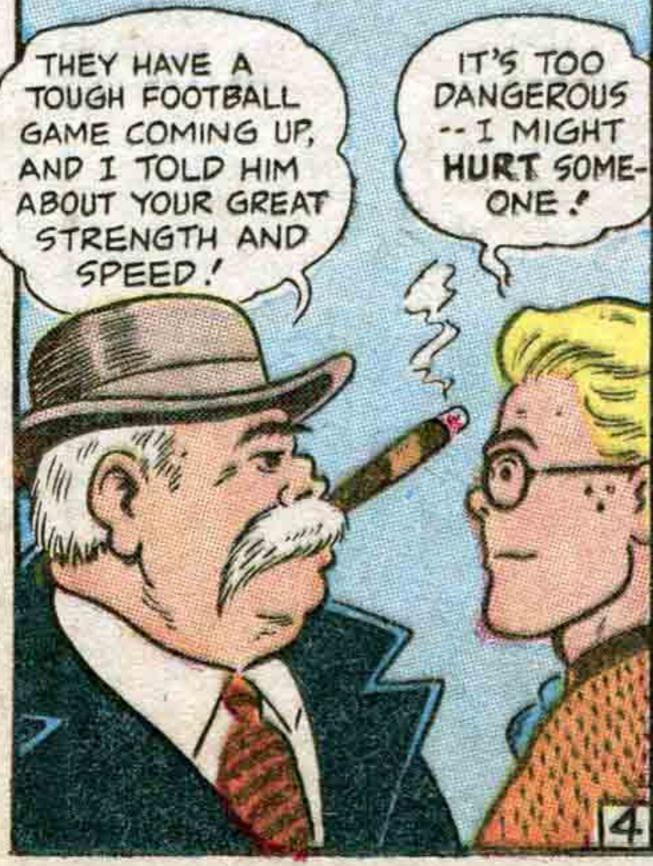








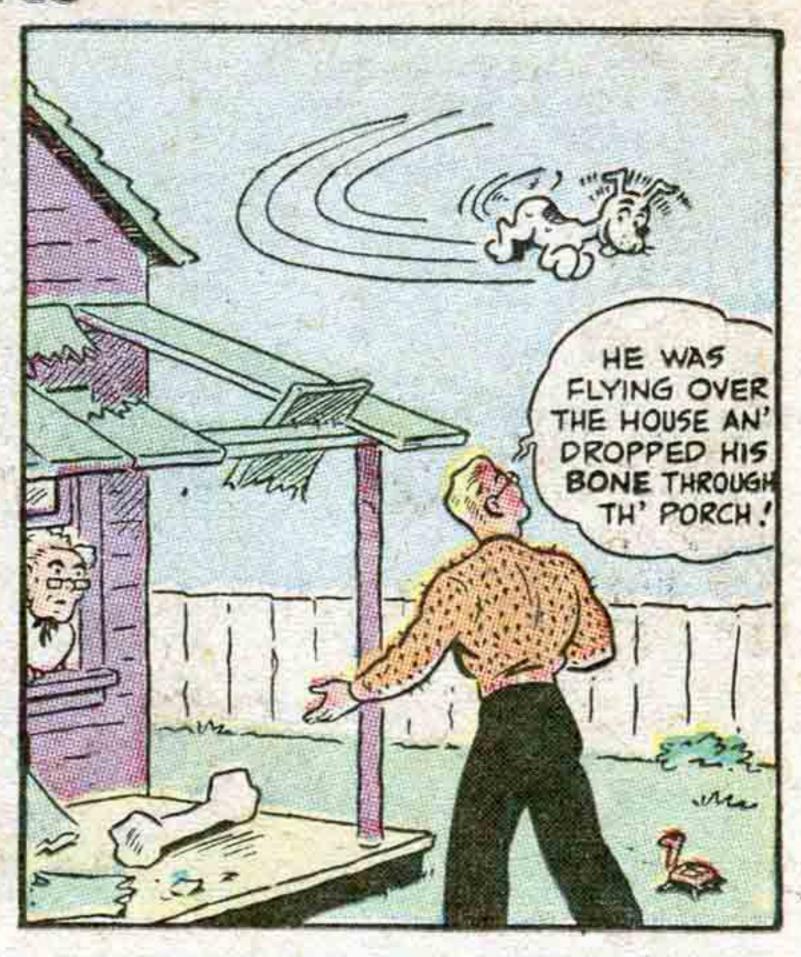


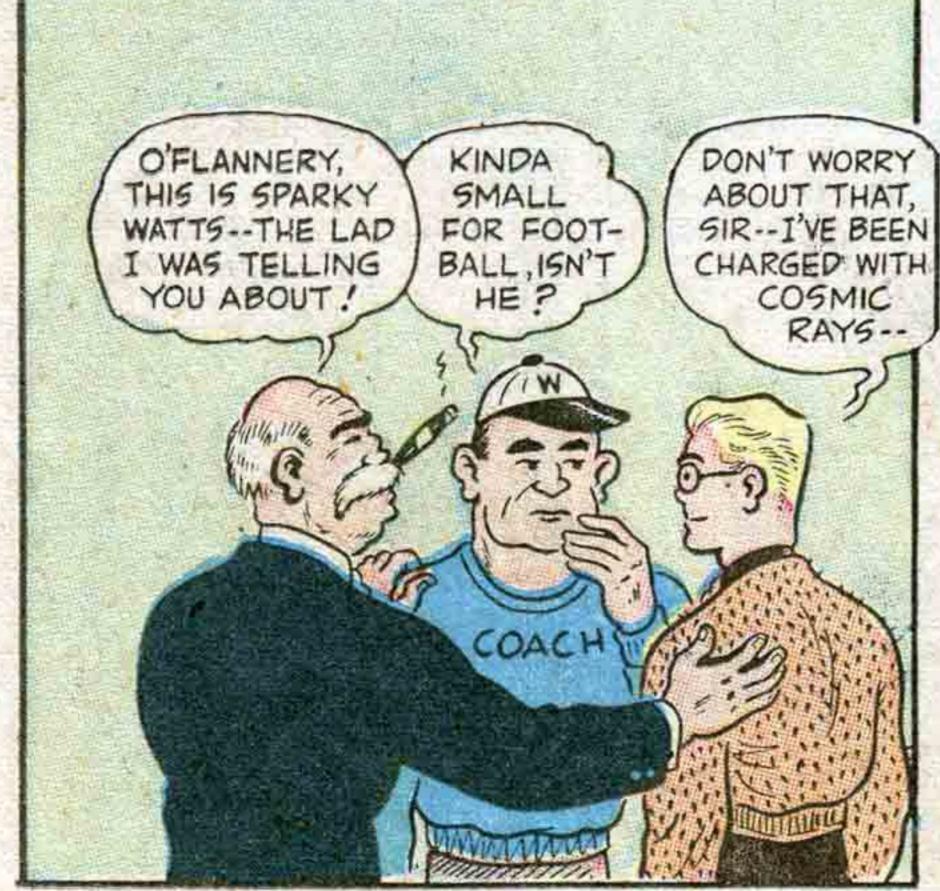


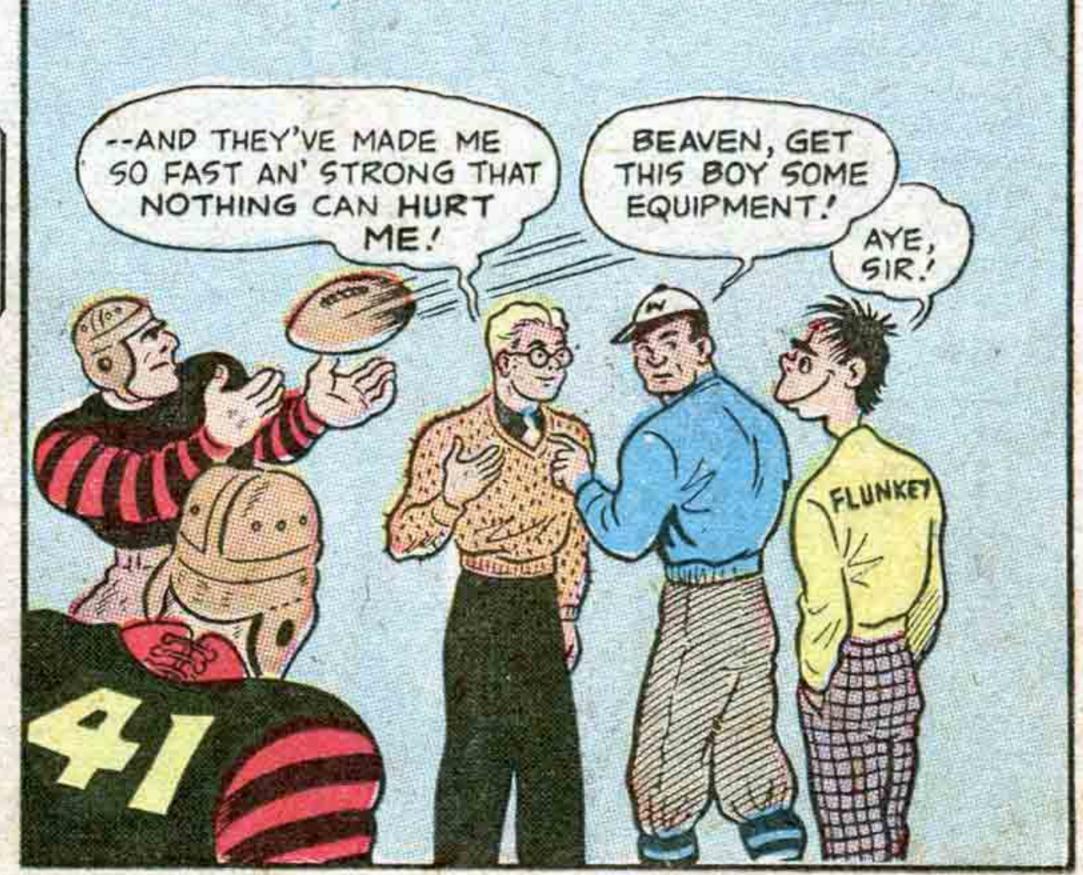


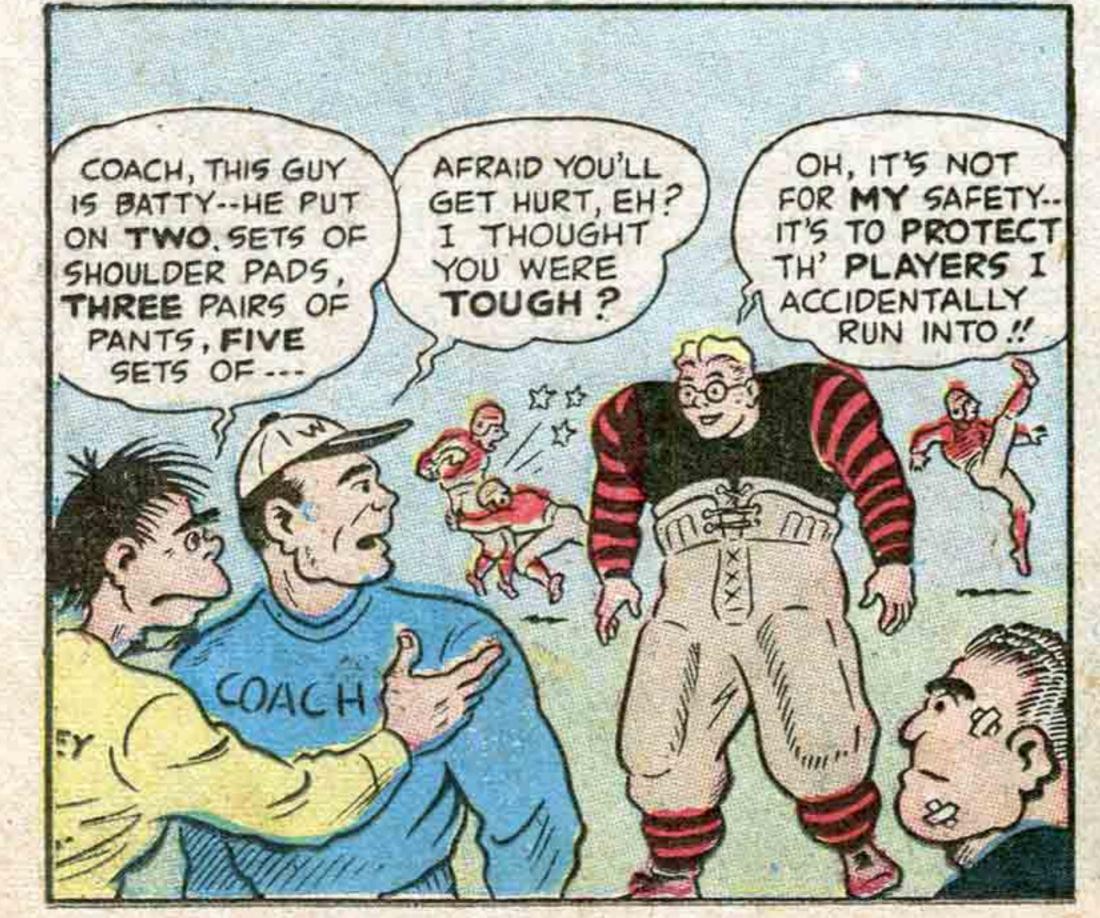


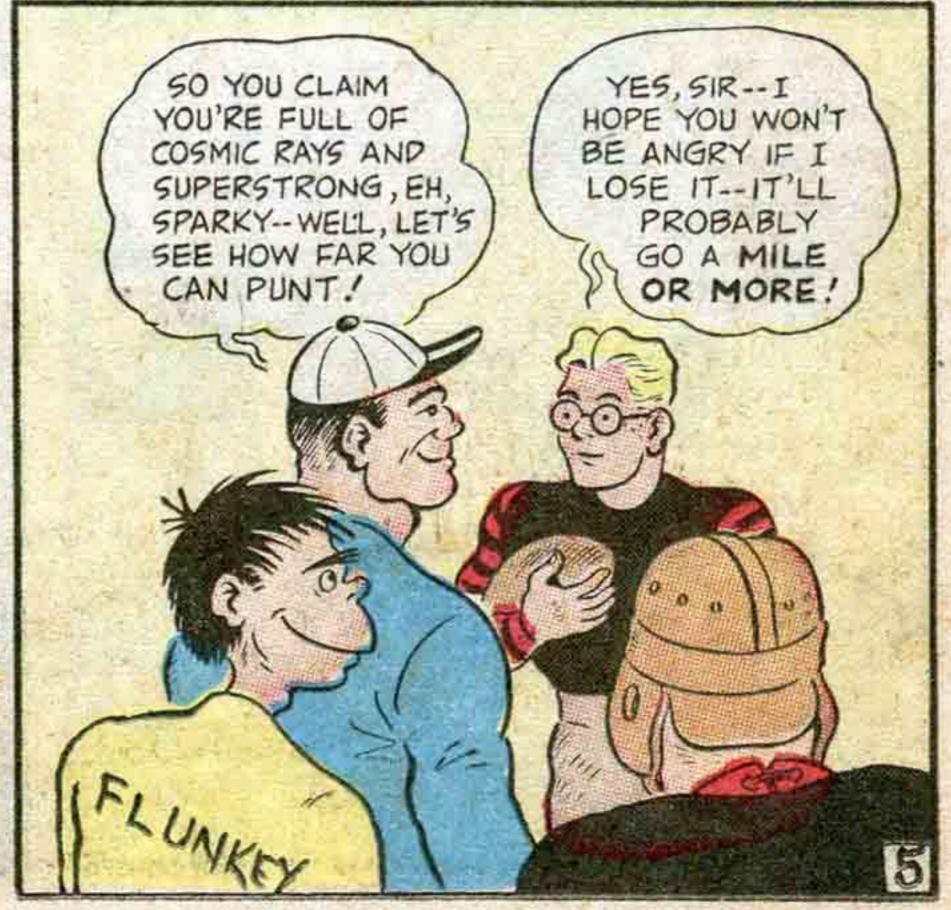












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